

**Question for written answer E-002266/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EIB intervention as a response to the crises affecting the agricultural community

On 7 March Commissioner Phil Hogan told members of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development that intervention by the EIB was one of the tools for resolving the crisis affecting European agriculture.

We would like to know the conditions governing intervention by this financial institution in small agricultural holdings as a solution to the crisis. In the first place, because we know - from experience - that the use of EIB instruments is complex. And secondly, because the EIB will only ever intervene as a banking tool on the basis of repayments of agreed loans, even though these repayments may of course be adjusted.

In this context, what specific conditions would the Commission set for intervention by the EIB?