

**Question for written answer E-003831/2018  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The environmental, health and social impacts of MHP's Vinnytsia poultry farm

Community members living near MHP's Vinnytsia poultry farm (VPF) in Ukraine have submitted complaints to two of MHP's international lenders, the IFC and the EBRD, alleging that the farm's operations cause undue environmental, health and social impacts. The expansion of the VPF will intensify these impacts. A lack of publicly disclosed information has prevented communities from understanding the farm's full impacts. Community members have requested a mediation process with MHP to receive more information and settle their demands, such as bypass roads and better manure management.

The VPF is specifically linked to MHP's export strategy to the EU. MHP plans to nearly double its international exports by 2020. The impacts of this expansion on communities and the environment have not been studied comprehensively, despite Ukraine having committed to introducing higher environmental impact assessment standards as companies gain free access to the EU market. Neither have investments of more than half a billion euros from public financiers ensured the application of international standards regarding impact assessments and the informed participation of impacted people in decision-making.

Has the governor representing the EU in the EBRD consulted DG ENVI/SANTE or other DGs on this?

Does the Commission believe MHP's export strategy abides by the letter and the spirit of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement?

What steps does the Commission plan to take to follow up on the allegations raised in the complaints?