

**Question for written answer E-002175/2019  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Romanian cattle at risk from dangerous diseases

Danger is looming for Romanian cattle farms in the shape of dangerous diseases, and immediate action is needed to prevent these from spreading. Two very dangerous diseases have spread throughout Tulcea County and the Danube Delta: equine infectious anaemia (EIA) and enzootic bovine leucosis (EBL). The Danube Delta is a fertile breeding ground for these diseases due to the semi-free-range livestock systems used there and the large numbers of midges, ticks, mosquitoes and horseflies.

To date, 210 cattle and 10 horses have contracted these two diseases and have had to be put down. Many cases of enzootic bovine leucosis have been detected, with members of the Tulcea Veterinary Health and Food Safety Directorate (DSVSA) attempting to identify and slaughter the animals concerned. Unfortunately, according to the Director of Tulcea DSVSA, there are not enough vets to meet the proposed targets and to stop the diseases from spreading.

What tools does the Commission have at its disposal to prevent the spread of these two diseases?