

**Question for written answer E-002177/2019  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Nightmare scenario for Romanian farmers one year after the outbreak of African swine fever

One year on from the outbreak of African swine fever, Romanian pig farmers are in dire straits. There is no explaining why pigs can be moved clandestinely between farms in different areas and nothing is done to stop this, while working farms where no outbreak of the disease has been reported are in lockdown and not permitted to sell their produce.

Perceived outbreaks of African swine fever have created an enormous veterinary health crisis, as healthy sows and piglets are being slaughtered and farmers are having their farms shut down and are unable to deliver their produce. Farmers have become so desperate that they are even starting to wish that their animals contract the disease so they can claim compensation. In short, they are captives on their own farms.

What is the Commission's stance on the dire situation in which pig farmers in Romania find themselves?

What tools does the Commission have at its disposal to help Romanian pig farmers who are at a heightened risk of going bankrupt given the situation concerning African swine fever?