

**Question for written answer E-003716/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: A paltry RON 48 per month for Romanian farmers responsible for producing high-quality food

Romanian farmers work 'a 25-hour day' to provide us with safe, high-quality and affordable food. Unfortunately, their efforts are not being duly rewarded or acknowledged. According to figures published by the National Institute of Statistics, monthly farming revenues in rural communities are no more than RON 48, the equivalent of EUR 10. This is the amount obtained through agricultural cooperatives and associations for agri-food products, livestock and poultry or for farm labour.

The average monthly income of rural dwellers is RON 1 295.64, around half that of urban dwellers. They rely mainly on earned income (54.3 %) with only 3.7 % (an average monthly amount of RON 48 per person) coming from farming. This compares to EUR 1 250 (EUR 15 000 annually) for the average European Union farmer.

What instruments does the Commission have at its disposal, besides subsidies, to raise the income of Romanian farmers to at least the European average?