

**Question for written answer E-003955/2020  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Bleak times for Romanian food producers

The Romalimenta Federation is expressing concern that the food industry is traversing a major crisis, with consumption figures significantly down during the pandemic and correspondingly less being thrown away. In Romania and elsewhere in Europe, the meat sector has clearly not been spared and

food production in general has contracted by around 30% in Europe as a whole. This year, demand for pork in the European Union is expected to fall by 0.6% or 20.3 million tonnes, bringing it to the lowest level in seven years. Pork prices in Europe, which were initially boosted by rising exports to China, have now begun to fall, reaching their lowest level for a year in France and Germany. Furthermore, select restaurants in Italy, which normally purchase products such as veal calves, have remained closed during the lockdown, creating a surplus.

In view of this, what instruments are available to the Commission to support the food industry both in Romania and throughout Europe?