

**Question for written answer E-004026/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Croatia and green policies

Croatia is an example of extremely positive practices with regard to green policies: more than 50% of Natura 2000 sites, high biodiversity, GMO-free, weak industrial production and diversified smaller economies.

However, at the same time, Croatia did not undergo a first phase of investments in machinery and facilities, we are facing serious competition from the low prices offered not only by third countries, but also by EU Member States with high production levels, and we also have low purchasing power.

With the potential reduction of resources for the agricultural sector on the horizon, especially in those investments that are of primary importance, and in light of weak purchasing power, food prices for our citizens would become unaffordable and Croats would continue to be forced to buy cheap imported goods.

1. Could the Commission therefore say whether the Union aims to produce food in the Member States that is unaffordable for most of the eastern Member States?
2. Does the Commission plan to provide further stimulus to the agricultural sector in order to avoid high production costs and to provide an acceptable price for citizens of Member States with lower purchasing power?