

Question for written answer E-002651/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Self-sufficient farming in the outermost regions

Given the specificities of the outermost regions (ORs), their insularity and remoteness in today's global world, and as a precautionary measure to prepare for future challenges, such as disasters or resource shortages, it is becoming increasingly necessary to equip these regions with the means to become self-sufficient in terms of their food supply.

In view of the increased price of raw materials produced in these regions, including in the primary sector, and the high cost of processing or breaking these down into final products:

1. How is the Commission planning on directly encouraging regional producers, particularly farmers, so that they can compete, fairly, on a level playing field with exporters from third countries (most of which offer end consumers more competitive prices)?
2. How is the Commission planning on shortening the distribution chain and reducing the emissions arising from the transport of raw materials to these regions and, at the same time, promoting a circular economy?