

**Question for written answer E-003612/2021  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Priorities of the EU strategy to reduce methane emissions

In its Communication of 14 October 2020 (COM(2020) 663) on an EU strategy to reduce methane emissions, the Commission announced, inter alia, a review of the regulatory framework to facilitate the introduction into the gas system of gaseous fuels from renewable energy sources.

The initiative to accelerate European biogas production from agricultural waste as an important tool for reducing methane emissions deserves support. Action in this area should be an important part of the long-term vision for rural areas. Poland has already taken a number of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the agricultural sector, e.g. by optimising the dosage and storage of fertilisers, in line with the list of best practices annexed by the Commission.

At the same time, it is worth highlighting the potential of the Horizon Europe research programme as one of the tools to support the implementation of this strategy. However, this programme should take into account the research needs of all EU countries equally, so that farmers, and other actors in this sector of the economy, across the EU have equal access to the results of EU-funded research and that the research can be tailored to their specific needs.

In light of the above:

How does the Commission intend to ensure geographical balance when it comes to participation in Horizon Europe projects, particularly in the context of the strategy to reduce methane emissions?