

**Question for written answer E-005067/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: African swine fever in Łódź Province

African swine fever (ASF) poses a serious problem for many pig farmers in Łódź Province. After outbreaks of ASF were detected in June 2021, a large part of the province was declared a surveillance and protection zone, including Piotrków County, which is a pig farming area accounting for around 5% of domestic pork production. The restrictions imposed have included stricter sanitary measures, restrictions on the movement and sale of pigs and even the slaughter of pigs to control outbreaks. As a result of these measures, many pig farmers have suffered significant losses. These restrictions have proven particularly detrimental to small-scale farmers, who rely on pig farming as their main source of income. Despite the Commission's decision to ease restrictions in Łódź Province, the farmers' situation remains uncertain.

In light of the above:

1. How can the Commission support pig farmers affected by the repercussions of ASF?
2. Given the damaging effects of the measures that have been implemented and the continuing uncertainty over future outbreaks, are there any funding opportunities available to pig farmers?
3. How will the Farm to Fork Strategy affect pig farmers in Poland, particularly in Łódź Province?