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to the Commission
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Subject: Consequences of rising prices of raw materials for European farmers

At the plenary part-session of July 2021 we debated the increase in prices of raw materials in the construction sector. This crisis has now extended to other sectors such as farming. This effect is also being felt throughout the arable and livestock industry due to the rising price of materials such as fuel, seeds, fertiliser and plastic. Many agricultural products are in short supply, as production costs cannot be covered.

The rise in the prices of basic consumer goods has an effect on production costs and on the final price of the product, but not on the operating accounts of the farmers themselves.

In light of this:

1. What impact is the lack of raw materials in the EU having on arable and livestock farming?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of how the arable and livestock sector is being affected by the shortage of raw materials and the rise in prices?
3. What action will the Commission take in this regard?