

**Question for written answer E-005662/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: 80% of commercial pork to be sourced from imports

Romania's pork producers are anticipating that around 80% of meat on our counters will be imported this year, as the sector continues to sustain significant losses due to African swine fever (ASF) and small farm marketing remains unregulated.

The Romanian Association of Pork Producers has accordingly raised the alarm over the ridiculously small prices its members are being forced to accept in the face of challenges from their competitors and the impact of ASF. While veterinary-approved commercial farms are selling live animals to abattoirs for RON 6 per kilogram, the market price that small farmers can command is double or triple that amount.

This year, ASF has caused the loss of 600 000 pigs intended for the domestic market, at a time of increasing consumption and hence growing demand.

In the Commission's view, what urgent measures must Romania take to curb African swine fever, given that the damage it has directly and indirectly inflicted already exceeds EUR 1 billion?