

**Question for written answer E-000528/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Thousands of Europeans denied access to safe food despite serious health consequences

The cost of seasonal fruit and vegetables, which are an essential part of a healthy, balanced diet, has soared for consumers. While inflation has not affected the prices of everyday products, healthy foods have seen a price increase in excess of 9%.

It is important to remember that malnutrition is by far the leading cause of death in the world: every year, 11 million people die as a result of poor nutrition. Moreover, it is also the cause of one quarter of all cancer cases. Other worrying health issues that a poor diet can lead to include obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and depression.

One of the Commission's aims with the farm to fork strategy is to bring about a transition to a healthy and sustainable system that promotes organic farming. Admirable though that aim may be, it will come at a high financial cost.

In view of the above:

1. How will the Commission prevent future price hikes for European consumers?
2. How will the Commission deal with increases in the prices of raw materials for essential products such as pasta, flour and bread?