

**Question for written answer E-000842/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Comprehensive European protein strategy

The Austrian and French agriculture ministers signed recently a joint declaration¹ entitled ‘Towards a European protein strategy and thereby increasing the EU’s self-sufficiency’, in which they call for a European protein strategy. The Flemish agriculture minister has also drawn up a protein strategy for her region and expressed her support for the initiative by Austria and France. The declaration sets out certain priorities; these include increasing local European plant-based protein production, shortening transport routes through use of regional supply chains, making protein crops more suitable for the future through efficient plant breeding and setting up transnational protein crop research programmes.

1. Is the Commission planning to propose a comprehensive European protein strategy? Why has it not done so before?
2. If the Commission is planning this, what will its priorities be?

¹ <https://info.bmlrt.gv.at/dam/jcr:e056d439-b736-439d-a0a2-fe03a02a5e44/Deklaration%20EN.pdf>