

**Question for written answer E-000883/2022/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Proposal for Commission actions to decrease the price of fertilisers used in food production

Food security plays a key role in ensuring our citizens' well-being. Over the past few months, we have been seeing a sharp increase in food prices throughout Europe; it is essential that this issue be resolved so that it does not lead to the impoverishment of millions of EU citizens. The current war on Europe's doorstep has made dealing with this issue more important than ever, as Putin is able to exploit food insecurity in the EU.

One key factor that affects food prices is the cost of fertilisers used in production. Would the Commission consider taking the following actions?

1. Mobilise community aid from the crisis reserve for the purchase of fertilisers for agricultural producers or, alternatively, agree to provide support from national resources, which will neither depend on nor influence the available de minimis limits.
2. Temporarily suspend State aid rules or temporarily allow producers of fertilisers to receive State aid to the extent necessary to stop increases in raw material prices leading to increases in food prices, and temporarily suspend the EU ETS in relation to the production of agricultural fertilisers.
3. Authorise a VAT rate of 0% in relation to the supply of agricultural fertilisers.

In the current crisis, these proposed measures could make a real difference to ensuring continued agricultural production in Poland, one of Europe's primary food producers.