

Question for written answer E-000943/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: African swine fever in Piedmont and Liguria

Attention should be brought to the following issues:

The current African swine fever pandemic is affecting 114 Italian municipalities in Piedmont and Liguria.

Based on the inspections conducted on 7 February 2022 and the experiences of other countries affected by the pandemic, such as Belgium, the EU Veterinary Emergency Team has suggested that a 275 kilometre-long retaining fence be erected for the infected wild boar.

The pandemic situation in Belgium differed significantly from that in Italy. Specifically, a far larger area is concerned in Piedmont and Liguria, with local morphological features that are natural barriers to the construction and maintenance of an effective fence.

The costs of fencing, estimated at EUR 15 million, cannot be covered either under the budget allocated for market support for the pig farming sector or under the budget for improving biosecurity measures on farms.

In light of the above, can the Commission state:

how it considers, given current conditions, that a fence can be erected quickly and effectively and who might be involved in this, from both the public and private sectors, the government and local and regional authorities?