

**Question for written answer E-001665/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Need for support for the pig and poultry sectors

The war in Ukraine has put the farming industry under extreme pressure. This is yet another challenge for farmers, on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw the loss of certain markets, and of the considerable increase in prices of raw materials and commodities, which had started even before the war in Ukraine.

Intensive pig and poultry production has been particularly affected. These are not among the so-called 'vulnerable' sectors in Bulgaria and will not receive support from the crisis reserve fund.

In view of the particularly difficult situation on the pigmeat market, the Commission has triggered precautionary market measures to support that sector. Unfortunately, this does not seem enough to prevent many farms from going bankrupt.

Can the Commission state, in this regard:

1. Whether it considers that additional measures need to be taken for the pig and poultry sectors?
2. Whether it considers these to be strategic sectors and feels that Member States should mobilise funds to support them?
3. Whether it is contemplating other instruments to mitigate the pressure those sectors are under?