The Commission is aware of the impact of Russia’s military aggression in Ukraine, which is one of the biggest global producers of oilseeds and sunflower oil, and its serious ramifications for world markets.

Consequently, the Commission has urgently adopted a package of short-term emergency measures for stabilising EU agricultural markets, addressing the risks to global food security and the possibility to raise the EU’s production capacity\(^1\). This includes a support package of EUR 500 million to the agricultural sector and farmers most affected, which may be supplemented by matching Member States contributions of up to 200% and a temporary derogation to allow the sowing of crops on fallow land\(^2\).

The Commission has also adopted a Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid\(^3\), which enables Member States to introduce measures aimed at remedying the liquidity shortage faced by undertakings that are directly or indirectly affected by the serious disturbance of the economy caused by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. EU oilseeds production is now expected to expand by 6.3% in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22, mainly due to a significant increase in cultivated areas (+6.2%). This positive development will permit the EU market to cope with lower oilseeds availabilities from Ukraine. In addition, rapeseed and soya oils could be good alternatives to sunflower oil and their availability in the EU should be sufficient.

The Commission remains vigilant with its close monitoring of the market and stands ready to take new appropriate market measures if needed.

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\(^3\) Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52022XC0324(10)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52022XC0324(10)&from=EN)