The Commission is aware of the current situation in Romania and other Member States concerning the substantial damage to agriculture caused by the wild boar populations. With regard to the question concerning how to resolve this problem and what are the best practices, wild boar is not a species protected under EU nature legislation and therefore its management and control is a matter to be considered under relevant national legislation. In the framework of European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, support is available for investments to protect crops against damage caused by wild animals, including wild boars. Member States may programme support for investments such as installation of fences, which would prevent wild boars from accessing the areas of crops.

Moreover, to compensate for or prevent damage caused by animals not protected either by EU or by national legislation, State aid can be granted on the basis of de minimis rules applicable to the primary agricultural sector¹. The Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its answers to written questions E-016108/2015² and E-001186/2022³.

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