

**Question for written answer E-003637/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Prices of crop protection products have rocketed

According to retailers and manufacturers in Europe, the prices of crop protection products are 50% higher than they were last year. This price increase is due to supply shortages, which, according to an analysis by agrarheute.com, could continue into 2023.

In Germany, herbicide and fungicide prices have reached record levels; accordingly, in April 2022 in Germany, herbicide prices were, on average, 20% higher and fungicide prices were 10% higher compared with 2021.

Another concern for farmers is that a significant number of raw materials and end-products in the crop protection products industry originate from China, where both the production rate and supply chain are being disrupted or delayed by constant bottlenecks.

Given the importance of crop protection products, what measures is the Commission intending to take with a view to stabilising prices and increasing the quantity of products that farmers need?

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