

**Question for written answer E-000015/2023  
to the Council**

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**Subject:** Programme of the Swedish Presidency: request for support for farms and protection of European agri-food and wine products

On 1 January 2023, Sweden took over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and it identified four main priorities for its Presidency: security, European competitiveness, the green and energy transition, and democratic values and the rule of law.

In particular, when presenting the Swedish Presidency's political priorities on 14 December 2022, Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said: 'Our unity and readiness to act remain key to EU security, resilience and prosperity. Sweden is taking over the Presidency at a time when the European Union is facing unprecedented challenges. A greener, more secure and freer Europe is the foundation of our priorities.'

One of the Presidency's objectives is enhancing European competitiveness.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission not consider it essential to promote the EU's system of geographical indications in order to protect specific European products and promote the unique characteristics linked to their geographical origin and traditional know-how?
2. Does it not agree that promoting the high quality of European agri-food and wine products is crucial in supporting European farms and farmers?
3. How does it intend to strengthen European food production? Will it propose specific financial instruments to support farms?

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