

**Question for written answer E-000425/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Participation of European Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski in agricultural conference held in Rome on 8 and 9 February 2023

On Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 February 2023, 'Agricoltura al centro' ('Agriculture at the centre'), the IX Economic Conference organised by Cia, the Italian Confederation of Farmers, took place in Rome, focusing on rural areas, income, the climate and infrastructure. In attendance were many representatives from the worlds of politics, business and research, as well as Cia-affiliated farmers from across Italy.

Janusz Wojciechowski, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, also attended the conference. According to press reports, he said that the Commission stood with farmers on sustainability and production, that the CAP would play a key role and that reforms would allow them to keep pace with the needs of consumers and producers, delivering food security. He added that it was important to support farmers in view of changing markets, but that the transition offered an opportunity to our farmers in the medium term. He also stressed that there would be no renewal in agriculture if rural areas were not developed and provided with modern and connected infrastructure.

In view of the above, I would ask the Commission the following questions:

1. How much funding has it set aside to support sustainability and Italian agricultural production?
2. What financial instruments will it adopt and how much funding will be provided for the development of Italy's rural areas, in particular in order to bring about a network of modern and connected infrastructure in those zones?

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