

**Question for written answer E-000857/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Supporting the installation of loose-house systems for sows

Unlike conventional farrowing crates, loose-housing pens allow sows to move around.

According to an organisation of French farmers, installing loose-house systems on pig farms could cost up to EUR 2 billion.

1. Since the EU plans to phase out caged animal farming by 2027, has the Commission already begun drawing up a plan to financially support European pig farmers?
2. In order to combat unfair competition, is the Commission considering banning imports of pig products from farms that are not equipped with loose-housing pens?

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