

**Question for written answer E-001118/2023/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Marcel de Graaff (NI)**

**Subject:** European Commission urged the Netherlands to buy out farmers as a compulsory measure

The Commission has advised the Netherlands to buy out farmers<sup>1</sup>. According to the Commission, this is the only way out of the nitrogen crisis.

1. Can the Commission state which (potential) farmers are involved, where they are located and whether expropriation should be enforced if necessary?
2. Can the Commission give details of how the Netherlands Government responded to this advice? Can the Commission also state whether the Netherlands Government has taken or contemplated any other steps to resolve the 'nitrogen crisis' (such as negotiating a derogation and/or threatening a Nexit)?
3. Can the Commission give details of the discussions with the representatives of the Netherlands about the Rotterdam and/or Amsterdam regions, which, rather than the agricultural areas, are the regions with the highest nitrogen emissions in the Netherlands due to industry and airports?

All and any information, in whatever form, relating to the advice and these questions should be made public.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://nos.nl/artikel/2468396-europese-commissie-drong-bij-nederland-aan-op-verplichte-uitkoop-boeren>