

**Question for written answer E-003134/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: African swine fever

African swine fever has been present in Europe for over a hundred years without any noticeable effects on the pig population. But, while Europe faces famine and an uncertain future, the decision was made once again to systematically kill most domestic pigs. Tens of thousands of pigs were euthanised in Croatia, where the majority of small farmers were left without a basic source of livelihood.

I ask the following questions:

1. Does the Commission intend to change the current policy on African swine fever, which is causing a scorched earth effect in pig breeding that Croatian farmers will never recover from and which will cause them to never raise pigs again?
2. Does the Commission plan to respond to the allegations by Croatian farmers that they have not been paid a single euro of compensation for euthanised pigs, several months on?
3. How does the Commission plan to re-incentivise pig breeding on small farms in the future, especially by farmers breeding for their own needs?

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