

**Question for written answer E-000103/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Challenge of the rise in fertiliser prices

Rising gas prices and the conflict in the Middle East could affect future fertiliser prices. So far, prices have remained stable due to low demand and cheap imports from Egypt and Russia. All the same, the spread of the conflict in the Middle East could change this situation.

Urea prices have recently dropped on the world market due to a tender from Indian, but a gradual increase is expected. Chinese exports of urea have stalled, but supply remains high and demand remains low in Brazil and Europe. Ammonium nitrate prices have also decreased as demand remains low, and Russia is delivering at lower prices. Overall nitrogen demand is currently lower than usual.

1. Specialists in the field forecast slow but steady growth. In this regard, how does the Commission plan to act to manage potential price increases and ensure stability in the supply of fertilisers in Europe?
2. Is the Commission ready to take market monitoring measures and pursue strategies to deal with the changes in the Middle East and fluctuations in natural gas prices that could affect the fertiliser industry?

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