

**Question for written answer P-005097/2018/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: African swine fever outbreaks

African swine fever has recently appeared in Western Europe. Many cases have already been reported in the Baltic States and Central European countries since the disease was first identified on the continent. Only half of all EU Member States have national funds to support the implementation of biosecurity measures, and most of these only apply to commercial pig production systems. However, non-commercial farms and backyards could play an even greater role in the spread of the disease.

How will the Commission ensure that biosecurity measures are implemented in all EU Member States?

Is the Commission planning to take any action to implement special measures to enhance biosecurity in non-commercial farms and backyards?

What will the Commission do to protect the interests of EU companies from the possible negative impacts of global trading partners?