

**Priority question for written answer P-003892/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Information on the visit by Commission inspectors to Sardinia to assess the African swine fever situation

In June 2019, Commission inspectors visited Sardinia in order to verify the state of implementation of the African swine fever eradication plan.

Only by eradicating the disease will it be possible to lift all the restrictions in place relating to the marketing ban in Sardinia.

In its answer to question E-001080/2019, the Commission announced that 'a new ASF programme for EU co-funding is expected in 2019 (for implementation in 2020)'.

In recent months, in addition to its foot-dragging in the fight against the continuing violations by some farms, the Region of Sardinia has for some time suspended the activities planned to eradicate the disease.

Such behaviour poses a serious risk to the attainment of the EU's goal of eradicating the disease, and also means that an end to the ban on the marketing of Sardinian pork is less likely.

Given the above, can the Commission:

1. release the report on the checks carried out by the inspectors in Sardinia in June 2019;
2. provide an update on the new programme to be implemented in 2020 by the Region of Sardinia; and finally
3. say whether it is aware that the Sardinian regional authorities have halted their activities as part of the process of combating African swine fever?