

**Priority question for written answer P-002789/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Alternative routes for Ukrainian grain exports through Baltic ports

Russia has been blockading Ukraine's Black Sea ports since the beginning of the war, deliberately preventing the export of grain and other agri-food products. Moreover, the Kremlin's decision to end the Black Sea Grain Initiative and the ongoing attacks on the port of Odessa only serve to exacerbate global food shortages – especially in developing countries – and artificially push up inflation. The EU's import restrictions on Ukrainian agricultural products also add to Ukraine's economic woes. Now, almost two months after Russia withdrew from the agreement, the Commission has still not adopted any specific measures on Ukrainian grain exports. Given that Member States, and in particular the Baltic States, are proposing alternative routes for grain exports, could the Commission respond to these questions:

1. What alternative export routes and measures is the Commission weighing up for the transit of Ukrainian grains?
2. Would the Commission consider the possibility of exporting Ukrainian grain through Baltic Sea ports, given that Baltic Sea ports have significant capacity for handling agricultural products?
3. What specific implementing measures could the Commission envisage in this respect?

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