

**Question for written answer E-015402/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Parliament's report on plant breeding

In 2014 Parliament adopted MEP Paulsen's report on 'Plant breeding: what options to increase quality and yields?' The report highlights the need for competitive European plant-breeding research, not least to be able to ensure food supplies, combat climate change and preserve European genetic and cultural diversity. Given the growing population, food supply will need to increase by 70 % over the next 30-40 years, but with less arable land available.

In the report, Parliament calls on the Commission to examine and analyse the situation carefully and to propose effective and practical measures in order to meet the enormous challenges facing Europe's breeders and farmers.

What has the Commission done so far to examine and analyse the situation in the European plant-breeding sector and what measures will it propose to meet the challenges?