

**Question for written answer E-001893/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Maintenance work at Lake Trasimeno

Lake Trasimeno, located within a national park and part of the Natura 2000 network, is an ecosystem of high environmental value and a mainstay of the region's economy, especially the tourism sector.

EU Directives 2009/147/EC ('Birds') and 92/43/EEC ('Habitats' on biodiversity), although they are intended to safeguard natural habitats, make it difficult to maintain the lake, particularly owing to the impossibility of working on the lakebed which is the nesting ground for some protected species.

This threatens to aggravate the already critical condition of the lake, which, as the only reservoir in Italy fed exclusively by rainwater, is suffering from the scarcity of rainfall caused by climate change, thus making the situation even harder to manage.

In the light of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to reconcile the protection of biodiversity with the need for maintenance work to preserve Lake Trasimeno's ecological functions and value for the tourism sector?
2. Does it intend to look into the possibility of introducing specific guidelines for essential maintenance work in ecologically sensitive situations while ensuring the protection of species protected under Directives 2009/147/EC and 92/43/EEC?
3. What technical and financial support measures can the Commission propose to address this situation?

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