Question for written answer E-001353/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Environmentally harmful subsidies

As agreed at the UN Biodiversity Conference COP 15, the Commission and the Member States are committed, through target 18 of the global biodiversity framework (GBF), to identifying environmentally harmful subsidies by 2025. A recent World Wildlife Fund publication has shown that Member States are using between EUR 34-48 billion in European subsidies annually in ways that are harmful to biodiversity – most of which come from the common agricultural policy (CAP). A publication by 'Nature Food' shows that 80 % of CAP funds support emission-intensive products. The Netherlands has already produced a quick scan on the impact of agricultural subsidies on biodiversity and the climate.

1. Have all Member States and the Commission already identified environmentally harmful subsidies at both national and EU level, as committed in the GBF?

2. Will the Commission publish an overview of the identified environmentally harmful subsidies before COP 17 starts?

3. Can the Commission specifically calculate the possible negative impacts on biodiversity and the environment stemming from all aspects of the CAP before the end of December 2025, either as part of the EU's commitment to target 18 or as part of the biennial performance review?

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