

**Question for written answer E-001785/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Lack of environmental assessment and threat to biodiversity in Montegancedo

The Montegancedo urban development project, which has not been subject to an appropriate environmental assessment, poses a threat to a Mediterranean ecosystem of high ecological value, affecting habitats and species protected under Directive 92/43/EEC. The felling of centuries-old holm oaks and umbrella pines has caused public concern and led to sanctions. The area is an essential habitat for species such as the Iberian imperial eagle, red and black kites, black vulture, eagle owl and common buzzard.

Madrid Administrative Court No 9 has suspended the works as a precautionary measure due to the risk of irreversible damage to biodiversity. However, the continuation of the project, without environmental guarantees, raises serious doubts about its compatibility with the Biodiversity Strategy 2030 and the European Green Deal.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider that the Montegancedo urban development project poses a threat to biodiversity and habitats protected under Directive 92/43/EEC?
2. What measures can it adopt to ensure that the competent authorities comply with the Habitats Directive and European environmental protection legislation?
3. Does it consider it necessary to reinforce control and oversight mechanisms in order to prevent similar projects from being developed without adequate environmental assessments, and, where such projects do proceed, to impose sanctions accordingly?

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