

**Question for written answer E-002417/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Water cycle restoration and focusing on nature-based solutions

According to the EU Water Resilience Strategy, water management should prioritise nature-based solutions. However, using human-made infrastructure alone or in combination with nature-based solutions is also necessary, provided that the environmental impacts of this are carefully assessed and that all relevant stakeholders are involved. In addition, these actions must form part of an integrated and sustainable water management strategy that fully reflects long-term climate reference scenarios and projections to avoid stranded investments.

The strategy also stipulates that the Nature Restoration Regulation provide an opportunity to support water quantity management and enhance resilience against droughts and floods with nature-based solutions. Water and climate resilience must be fully integrated in the national restoration plans that are to be prepared by 2026.

In light of this:

How will the Commission ensure that Member States effectively prioritise nature-based solutions over grey infrastructure in restoring the water cycle, and that they take heed of long-term climate scenarios to avoid new investments becoming stranded assets?

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