

**Question for written answer E-002463/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Bogland transformation and the impact on Lower Saxony

Boglands are unique ecosystems that provide a variety of habitats for animals and plants, while playing a crucial role in global climate change mitigation. With around 484 000 hectares of carbon-rich soil, the German Land of Lower Saxony features significant boglands, for the country too, which are characteristic of the cultural landscape, give many people a home and form part of their cultural identity. The EU, Federal Government and Lower Saxony all hope that these soils will significantly contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The parts of Lower Saxony in question are thus set to undergo considerable transformation.

1. Does the Commission agree that, in the interests of sustainability, natural climate protection measures in the bogland region must be environmentally sound, economically viable and socially acceptable?
2. How will it ensure that the measures taken do not end up economically or socially disadvantaging the affected areas?
3. How will it ensure that the burden of climate action is not borne by the rural population alone?

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