

Question for written answer E-002874/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Backsliding on the 8th Environment Action Programme's environmental indicators and inconsistencies with the Commission's deregulatory approach

The EEA's Monitoring report on progress towards the 8th EAP objectives – 2024 edition¹ revealed a shocking statistic: 20 out of the 28 headline environmental indicators are stagnating or backsliding. Despite this, the Commission insists on pursuing an agenda of legislative simplification and deregulation that jeopardises the 8th EAP objectives, the Green Deal and the EU's international commitments.

1. What is the Commission's justification for pushing to reduce and deregulate environmental legislation given the widespread environmental backsliding highlighted in the EEA's own official report?
2. What specific measures will the Commission adopt to reverse this negative trend and how will it guarantee that future legislation (such as omnibus packages) does not further weaken environmental protection?
3. Will the Commission commit to introducing a clause or principle of environmental non-regression in its agenda of regulatory simplification, as recommended by scientific and social organisations?

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¹ <https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/analysis/publications/monitoring-progress-towards-8th-eap-objectives>