

Question for written answer E-003170/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Environmental and ecological disaster in Cyprus

The recent fires in Cyprus destroyed more than 120 square kilometres of forest and natural areas.

Initial assessments speak of extensive destruction of natural ecosystems, the largest percentage of which concerns agricultural and grassland areas, with severe impacts on local flora and fauna. This fire event, and the damage it caused, is most likely to upset the biodiversity of local ecosystems, which is very likely to have been disturbed either in terms of plants or animals, but this is something that will be determined by local factors. Within the framework of the ENVI Committee, however, we have set biodiversity in the EU and its study and safeguarding with adequate funding and ongoing research as a top priority. In the context of this ongoing study of biodiversity, which is of central interest to us:

1. Does the Commission intend, at the level of central administration, to make a detailed record of the disturbance of biodiversity in the area affected by the fire?
2. Does the Commission intend, within the framework of the central administration, to draw up a programme for the restoration of ecosystems disturbed by natural disasters, and how?
3. Will the Commission include these disasters in the general study on biodiversity, so that there is a coordinated, rapid and financially supported restoration of the ecological balance from the incidents of fire and flooding that are affecting the European continent due to climate change?

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