

**Question for written answer E-003315/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: State of compliance with, and management of, the Natura 2000 network in Galicia following fires and continuation of infringement proceedings

Considering the Commission has for a number of years been pursuing infringement proceedings against Spain that relate, in particular, to the management of the Natura network in Galicia – the Master Plan does not meet the EU requirements, it does not lay down detailed conservation objectives and measures, and the area protected is much smaller than the national average¹; and considering also the recent fires that have devastated parts of the Natura 2000 network, such as the Macizo Central SAC, the Pena Trevinca SAC and other areas, exacerbating the repercussions of poor management and inadequate planning; and also considering that delaying the infringement proceedings for so many years and tolerating the lack of a robust conservation framework may be causing irreparable damage to the natural heritage the Natura network is designed to protect.

1. Does the Commission feel that the delay in finalising the infringement proceedings has been beneficial or, to the contrary, has jeopardised the conservation values of the Natura Network in Galicia?
2. What concrete measures is the Commission calling on the Spanish State and the Galician Government to adopt urgently to remedy the shortcomings in the management of the network and improve fire protection? If the shortcomings persist, are there any plans for legal proceedings to be brought before the CJEU, including potential penalties?²

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-001437-ASW_EN.html

² <https://praza.gal/politica/a-ue-volve-apercibir-a-espana-pola-insuficiente-rede-natura-mentres-galicia-segue-a-incumprir-obxectivos?utm>