

**Question for written answer E-003508/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: End of the LIFE programme and the response to climate change in the new multiannual financial framework (2028-2034)

The LIFE programme is a key funding instrument for projects on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration and combating climate change in the EU. However, according to the proposal for the new multiannual financial framework for 2028-2034, LIFE would be integrated into a European Competitiveness Fund. It is clear that this will end up both weakening its specific focus on environmental protection and reducing the amount of funding dedicated to the green transition. At a time when the environmental and climate crisis is becoming more evident by the day, the Commission has decided to cut the legs out from under the European Green Deal tools.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the LIFE programme being integrated into a larger fund does not divert to other matters the much-needed funding for projects on environmental conservation, restoration and protection, as well as on climate change mitigation and adaptation?
2. What action does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the new multiannual financial framework upholds and strengthens the EU's commitment with respect to the environmental and climate emergency and its consequences, which Europeans are all too familiar with?

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