

Question for written answer E-003533/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Standstill in reducing pesticide use in the EU

Regulating and reducing pesticide use in the EU was a core pillar of the European Green Deal. However, the Commission withdrew its proposal to halve pesticide use by 2030, citing a lack of political consensus and protests from the agricultural sector. The announcement of this withdrawal mentioned that a new proposal would be developed with more involvement from primary sector employees. However, some members of the Commission have dismissed measures of this kind in statements, and no concrete progress appears to have been made on this new legislation.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission remain committed to reducing pesticide use and does it plan to present a new legislative proposal that would take farmers' demands into account this time, or, on the contrary, does the Commission intend to leave the issue on hold indefinitely?
2. What specific alternatives does the Commission propose to protect biodiversity from pesticide use within the framework of the European Green Deal?

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