

**Question for written answer E-003640/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Galician Government's repeated failure to comply with the Habitats Directive; infringement procedure follow-up

I would like to reiterate the concerns set out in question E-001437/2023¹ and others regarding the Natura 2000 network in Galicia. The Galician and Spanish Governments are failing to ensure the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive are consistently applied with regard to the Natura 2000 network. It is particularly apparent in how specific protection and management plans are drawn up for each site. The network also requires urgent expansion, but that expansion is seriously affected by devastating, high-impact plans and projects in Galicia (eucalyptus industry, mega-mining, enormous wind farms, etc.).

Given the seriousness of the situation, I would like to emphasise how important it is for protection of the biodiversity areas in question to be upheld, and that protection should be expanded.

1. Can the Commission say whether Galicia's Natura 2000 Network master plan and its zoning comply with the conservation objectives set out in Article 6 of the Habitats Directive?
2. Is the Commission aware of the steps the Galician Government has taken to comply with the conservation requirements for these unique areas?
3. What is the current state of play of the horizontal infringement procedure against Spain initiated in 2003 and how is the Commission following up on the procedure in relation to Galicia?

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