

**Question for written answer E-004283/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Deregulatory drift in the Commission's simplification agenda and weakening of the European Green Deal

For several months, MEPs and environmental and scientific organisations have been warning that the Commission's 'simplification' agenda is a process of progressive deregulation that puts European Green Deal objectives at risk at a time when we are seeing the consequences of climate and environmental crises worsening across Europe. Despite this, the Commission is committed to maintaining this focus on 'simplification' in the name of reinforcing competitiveness and reducing the administrative burden.

Despite stating that the Commission is 'committed to stay the course on the Green Deal and is proposing simplification not deregulation' in its answer to question E-002874/2025¹, the Commission recently reopened the regulation on deforestation-free products, withdrew the proposal for a regulation concerning monitoring of forests and, in the new Multiannual Financial Framework, proposed drastically reducing the weight of environmental programmes – such as the LIFE programme – and removing the specific objective for biodiversity.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission justify the fact that it is promoting decisions that, in practice, weaken the Green Deal, despite its claims to the contrary?
2. Why does the Commission not introduce an environmental non-regression clause in future legislative reforms and its financial instruments?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002874_EN.html