

**Question for written answer E-004323/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Amphibian protection measures in the Westerwald region

The use of EU funds for the protection of biodiversity and species must have a measurable impact, be proportionate and be backed by technical know-how. In Germany's Westerwald region, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) has co-financed an amphibian protection project, which has been implementing measures to stabilise local amphibian populations since 2017¹.

The project description remains vague and, to date, no concrete evaluation results have been made publicly available. In the name of budgetary responsibility, it is worth calling into question the appropriateness, the selection criteria and the sustainability of this use of resources.

1. What is the scientific and legal basis for selecting the project's baseline data (surveys/monitoring), protected areas, measures, target species and for its budgeting?
2. What specific environmental benefits have been achieved since the project started, as demonstrated by means of an independent evaluation?
3. How much funding has been allocated to cover both the EU's previous co-financing and to guarantee the long-term sustainability of the implemented protective measures?

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¹ Source: <https://what-europe-does-for-me.europarl.europa.eu/de/region/17:1572?kind=prj&search=ELER%20wasterwald>; Accessed: 13 October 2025.