

**Question for written answer E-004351/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Future of the LIFE programme in the next multiannual financial framework and implications for national nature restoration plans

The LIFE programme is the EU's only funding instrument dedicated entirely to environment, nature and climate action. In the draft proposal for the next multiannual financial framework (MFF 2028–2034), LIFE reportedly no longer appears as a standalone programme. Instead, its funds would be merged into broader instruments, creating uncertainty over the continuity of direct EU support for nature restoration projects.

Member States are currently preparing national level nature restoration plans that rely, at least in part, on expected EU co-financing from the LIFE programme. The disappearance or restructuring of the LIFE programme risks creating a significant gap in financing and undermining progress towards the objectives of the Nature Restoration Regulation.

1. Has the Commission assessed how discarding dedicated nature funding under LIFE could affect the ability of Member States to finance and implement their restoration plans?
2. What concrete steps will the Commission take to ensure that Member States have clarity and sufficient funding to meet EU nature restoration targets before their financing plans are finalised later this year?

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