

**Question for written answer E-004699/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible infringement of European Union environmental legislation in relation to the ‘Hel Happiness’ development project

The municipal authorities of Hel (Poland) have authorised the felling of 433 trees, including old-growth oaks, to allow for the construction of a hotel complex known as the ‘Centre for Health Restoration Hel Happiness’. The site lies within the Coastal Landscape Park and the Natura 2000 site ‘Zatoka Pucka i Półwysep Helski’ and is protected by a 2008 Hel City Council resolution designating it a local conservation zone.

The local forest forms part of the Baltic-East Atlantic migratory flyway, one of Europe’s principal routes used by millions of birds.

1. Does the Commission consider this project to be in compliance with the Nature Restoration Regulation, the Habitats Directive, the Birds Directive and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, given that it is located within a Natura 2000 site and a section of the Baltic-East Atlantic migratory flyway?
2. What actions will the Commission take to ensure that the relevant local authorities comply with the applicable environmental protection regulations and to prevent irreversible damage to local ecosystems?
3. Does the Commission plan to engage in dialogue with the local authorities in order to assess the project’s compliance with EU law, and how will it monitor and enforce the effective implementation of the Nature Restoration Regulation across Member States to prevent similar breaches in the future?

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