

**Question for written answer E-000217/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU competitiveness and economic modelling as justification for the
Environmental Omnibus

The publication of the Environmental Omnibus package marked the eighth omnibus proposal in 2025 alone. This is a clear and coordinated attack on regulations that safeguard Europe's environment and public health.

I asked this question at the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety hearing with Commissioner Roswall but she failed to answer my question.

This relentless weakening of environmental protection is all in the name of 'competitiveness'. But the Commission presents a false dichotomy between environmental protection and economic competitiveness. The reality is that robust environmental standards drive innovation, create green jobs and provide the regulatory certainty that businesses need to invest for the long term.

Indeed, according to the Commission's own estimates, in its 2025 Environmental Implementation Review, gaps in environmental laws and poor implementation cost the EU EUR 180 billion annually as a result of health and environmental damage.

Given that the Commission is yet again proposing a new omnibus package without a prior impact assessment, what empirical evidence and economic modelling supports the claim that the specific measures in the Omnibus will enhance EU competitiveness, and will the Commission publish these studies?

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