

**Priority question for written answer P-004670/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Protection of the fundamental rights of the family living in the Abruzzo woods

There have been reports in the Italian press in recent days about the case of a family living in the woods in the province of Chieti, Abruzzo. The family's three young children have been removed from their home by the competent authorities¹. The parents had chosen a lifestyle based on proximity to nature, far removed from conventional social models. This story raises serious questions about respect for fundamental rights, in particular the right to family life, personal freedom, and the right of individuals and families to adopt alternative ways of living, provided that they do not endanger the safety of children.

The principle of proportionality, which is the cornerstone of European law, requires that minors be removed only as a last resort, following objective and documented assessments. A lifestyle choice that does not conform to traditional models cannot, in itself, be considered to indicate neglect or danger.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of this matter and does it believe that the actions taken could infringe Articles 7 and 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?
2. How does it ensure that Member States fully respect the rights of families who choose unconventional lifestyles?
3. Does it believe that this case should be monitored through the competent authorities?

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¹ <https://www.rainews.it/articoli/2025/11/la-famiglia-che-vive-nel-bosco-in-abruzzo-portati-via-i-tre-figli-meloni-valuta-invio-di-ispettori-41f5a5ac-34a9-4e6a-ac47-fc07e11889e7.html>.