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**Question for written answer E-002910/24
to the Commission
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(12 December 2024)**

Subject: Construction of a sports complex in the Colli d'Oro park and protection of urban green spaces

The National Recovery and Resilience Plan is being used to finance the construction of a sports complex with at least 1 001 seats inside Colli d'Oro public park in Rome ⁽¹⁾.

The nature in that park is particularly valuable because of the strength of its tree heritage and the biodiversity of the plant and animal species that live there. Although mitigating measures have been planned, the construction of the sports complex will still have an impact on the park's ecosystem.

The construction project seems to be at odds with Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 on nature restoration, in which the EU rightly calls on Member States to stop recording net losses of the total national area of urban green space by 31 December 2030 and to ensure that those figures are growing from 1 January 2031 ⁽²⁾.

In view of the above:

1. Are there guidelines on the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2024/1991, with regard, in particular, to which spaces are the most suitable for building facilities with a high impact such as sports complexes?
2. Is the plan to build the sports complex in the Colli d'Oro public park in keeping with Regulation (EU) 2024/1991?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
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There are no guidelines on the implementation of the Nature Restoration Regulation ⁽¹⁾ with regard to which spaces are the most suitable for building facilities with a high impact such as sports complexes.

The regulation establishes overall targets for green space and tree canopy cover that need to be met, it does not relate to the impact of individual developments.

Member States are responsible for the implementation of the Nature Restoration Regulation, and they are required to prepare National Restoration Plans, including the details of how they intend to meet the specified targets by September 2026.

¹ See Financing Granting Agreement, available at https://presidenza.governo.it/AmministrazioneTrasparente/Sovvenzioni/AttiConcessione/DocAttiConcessione/cncs_11140_11141_228_-_Roma_1.pdf_1800.pdf.

² See Article 8, 'Restoration of urban ecosystems', available at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202401991

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869, OJ L, 2024/1991, 29.7.2024.