

*(English version)*

**Priority question for written answer P-002962/26  
to the Commission**

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*Subject:* Italian Draft Law No 1552 on hunting and its compatibility with EU legislation on protecting wildlife

Italian Draft Law No 1552 distorts Italy's wildlife protection model, as provided for by Law 157/1992, in clear opposition to numerous pieces of EU legislation in force — such as the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC) — and bringing cases already covered by previous infringement procedures back to the fore <sup>(1)</sup>.

Although this is still a law under discussion, the European Commission already demonstrated its intention to comment on the substance through a letter sent to the relevant ministries in December 2025.

In the light of the above:

1. Following the letter, has a structured dialogue been established with the Italian authorities?
2. Is the Commission satisfied with the changes introduced through amendments following this letter?
3. What action will it take to ensure compliance with EU legislation?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission**  
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The Commission has been exchanging with the Italian authorities on the Italian draft law n. 1552 amending law n. 157 of 11 February 1992 laying down rules for wildlife protection and hunting.

This exchange is ongoing, and the Commission does not, at the present time, take a position on the conformity with EU law of a text that has not been adopted and is, therefore, subject to amendment.

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<sup>1</sup> Draft Law No 1552 would, for example, revive the legal considerations underlying infringement proceedings INFR(2014)2006 (live decoys) and INFR(1993)2165 (special protection areas); furthermore, with regard to pilot procedure EUP(2023)10542, Italy made reference to the transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1203 on the protection of the environment through criminal law, which, however, completely lacks the references to penalties for poaching activities, which were the subject of the Commission's query.