

**Question for written answer E-009139/2014/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: LIFE Iberlince project

The total budget for the LIFE Iberlince project stands at EUR 34 million – the largest amount ever invested in a LIFE project – 61.57 % (slightly more than EUR 20.9 million) of which is financed by the EU and the remainder being contributed by the other stakeholders. Under the framework of the project, eight lynx were released in the province of Ciudad Real on 3 July 2014. Only six of them are still alive.

Last week we discovered that one of the lynx received a fatal gunshot wound to the head on 22 October during a fox hunt on a private estate. The lynx was found using the radio-transmitter it was wearing. It appears that no measures were put in place to prevent the threat that predator control operations pose to the species.

This case highlights the lack of coordination between the institutions involved and the Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha's woeful stewardship of the LIFE Iberlince project.

1. Does the Commission intend to impose any sanctions?
2. Does it intend to prohibit predator control operations that pose a threat to the Iberian lynx?