

**Question for written answer E-004571/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: The environment in the European Union

The European Environment Agency recently published its 5-yearly report on the environmental situation within the European Union.

Despite reporting good progress in water quality and waste management, the Agency advocates the adoption of ambitious new measures in order to achieve its 2050 goals. Indeed, the Agency believes that the systems of production and consumption will have to be completely reviewed. The entire economy must become green if we wish to preserve our planet and achieve our goals.

1. How does the Commission plan to take on board the European Environment Agency's report?
2. What efforts have been made to date with regard to the circular economy, pollution control and protection of biodiversity?
3. What ambitious measures does the Commission intend to take in order to achieve the 2050 goals?