

Question for written answer E-008932/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Investment in protecting the environment

According to the latest figures published by Eurostat, Spain invests three and a half times less than the European average in protecting the environment: Spanish spending is EUR 49 per inhabitant against an EU average of EUR 172.

In terms of gross domestic product (GDP), Eurostat estimates that 0.67% of GDP is allocated to environmental policy across the EU, with this figure dropping to 0.22% in Spain.

In view of this evidence, can the Commission please state what steps it has taken or, where applicable, it intends to take to urge the Spanish authorities to improve the aforementioned percentages or increase the Member States' investment in this area?