

**Question for written answer E-002142/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission monitoring of the implementation and enforcement of laws prohibiting the killing of migrating birds

Directive 2009/147/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds rightly points out that effective bird protection is a cross-border issue. In particular, the directive requires Member States to take the measures needed to prevent the deliberate killing of birds. Given that many species are migratory, they must be protected not only inside the EU, but also in all the countries they fly over.

One factor behind the decline in bird populations is the barbarous practice, employed both in the EU (Cyprus, Malta, Italy) and in other countries in the Mediterranean basin (Lebanon), of killing storks and other migratory birds as they fly north from Africa.

Is the Commission monitoring the implementation and enforcement of laws prohibiting the killing of migratory birds in the EU Member States and in neighbouring countries which receive EU aid?