

Question for written answer E-000851/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Protection of natural areas in the EU

Climate change is already affecting some of the natural areas protected by the EU, such as the Ebro Delta. According to the third report on climate change submitted by the Catalan Government's Sustainable Development Advisory Council, the delta will be the natural area most affected, by both rising sea levels and a lack of sediments to feed it. On the basis of information published, the Commission has funded a variety of LIFE projects, to the value of nearly EUR 15 million, in an effort to prevent the delta from retreating and disappearing.

1. What conclusions has the Commission drawn from the reports produced about LIFE projects for the protection of the Ebro Delta?
2. Within the scope of its powers, what actions or programmes has the Commission introduced to work towards the potential solutions proposed in a number of studies?
3. Within the scope of its powers, what action will the Commission take to reverse the retreat of the Ebro Delta?