

**Question for written answer E-004261/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Damage to Castro de Chavaga fort (Monforte de Lemos, Spain)

Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) establishes the EU's responsibility to ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced. Furthermore, 2018 is the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

However, in Galicia, our cultural and archaeological heritage is being damaged and destroyed on a regular basis. Not enough is being done at either local, regional, state or European level to stop that destruction.

At Castro de Chavaga fort in the municipality of Monforte de Lemos, the felling and removal of trees burnt in the wildfires of October 2017 has been damaging the site for months. Heavy machinery has been used to clear paths in an effort to access the upper part of the fort, damaging stone walls in the area in the process.

1. What measures can the Commission take to prevent further damage and ensure compliance with the provisions of the TEU and the terms of the decision designating 2018 as the European Year of Cultural Heritage?
2. What action can the Commission take to ensure that the Galician authorities protect cultural heritage?