

**Question for written answer E-000750/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: WWF findings regarding the impact of human activity on the planet

Recent WWF findings regarding the adverse effects of human activity on the planet<sup>1</sup> are particularly alarming, the extent of the threat to human health being reflected by the fact that air pollution claims over 430 000 lives in Europe every year. Carbon-based air pollution is costing Europe EUR 62.3 million annually in health costs. By 2050, climate change is expected to have generated around 200 million migrants. To sustain our current lifestyle would require 2.6 times the current resources of the planet, while, according to WWF findings, the annual cost to the EU of non-compliance with European environmental legislation is around EUR 50 billion. It is therefore necessary to ensure adherence to the 'Paris Agreement' and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the EU, a prominent stakeholder, taking the lead.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission specify which financial instruments it is using in a bid to meet EU targets regarding containment of the adverse effects of climate change?
2. Which department is monitoring the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and what progress has been made so far?
3. Within the 2021-2017 Multiannual Financial Framework, will it provide incentives for Member States to combat the effects of climate change?

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