

**Question for written answer E-001940/2019
to the Council**
Rule 130
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (ALDE)

Subject: 2020 biodiversity objectives

The overall aim of the EU Biodiversity Strategy is to halt biodiversity loss and the degradation of ecosystem services in the EU by 2020 and restore them as far as feasible. In the 2015 state of nature in the EU report, the European Environment Agency (EEA) concluded that 'biodiversity is still being eroded overall'. Regrettably however, no significant progress to reverse the negative trend has been made, as evidenced by the EEA's 2018 environmental indicator report. Furthermore, in its conclusions of October 2018 the Council urged the Member States 'to increase actions and make every effort in the next two years to tackle the main drivers of biodiversity loss and fully implement National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020'.

Will the EU meet the 2020 biodiversity objectives as described in the EU Biodiversity Strategy? If not, why not?

Will the Council undertake further action in the final year in order to achieve the 2020 targets? If not, why not?

How does the current common agricultural policy (CAP) and its implementation at national level serve to ensure that the targets of the biodiversity strategy are fully realised?