

**Question for written answer P-001603/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: 2020 Biodiversity Strategy objectives

The overall aim of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy is to halt the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services in the EU by 2020 and restore them to the greatest extent possible. According to the executive director of the European Environment Agency (EEA), Hans Bruyninckx, the agency's 2015 State of Nature in the EU report shows that 'biodiversity is still being eroded overall'<sup>1</sup>. In 2017, the Commission adopted a new action plan to improve the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives, but no significant progress in reversing the negative trend has been made, as demonstrated by the EEA's 2018 environmental indicator report.

Will the EU meet the objectives set out in the 2020 Biodiversity Strategy and if not, why not?

Will the Commission take further action in the final year of the strategy in order to reach those objectives and if not, why not?

How does the current common agricultural policy and its implementation at national level help to ensure that those objectives are fully achieved?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/state-of-nature-in-the>