

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0987/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Follow-up regulation to Regulation No 3528/86 on the protection of forests against atmospheric pollution

1. What concrete strategy is the Commission pursuing in order to expand the existing aim of the Regulation (protecting forests against atmospheric pollution) to include biodiversity and climate protection?
2. Has the Commission considered whether the selection of sites already undertaken will make such a new target possible?
3. How will the Commission ensure that the extensive data base and large number of assessments are coordinated so as to ensure that the fullest possible account is taken of quality aspects, data management and the cost-effectiveness ratio?
4. What measures will the Commission take to ensure the continuation of existing cooperation with the UN/ECEs ICP Forests?