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Subject: Protection of Mediterranean forests

In the light of the current situation regarding forests in the Mediterranean areas of the European Union and of the absence of any specific policies for their protection or reforestation: what is the Commission's view on the drawing-up of an EU-financed plan for the restoration of Mediterranean forests, comprising programmes based on sustainable criteria for the protection, regeneration and conservation of the forests of southern Europe and the establishing of a European protected forest heritage for forests with flora and fauna of particular ecological value that are public property and managed by non-governmental organisations?

How would the Commission assess this initiative?

Does it intend to bring forward any other proposals concerning the protection of Mediterranean forests?