

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3579/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Hunting season for carrion crows in the EU

Will the Commission say:

1. Is it aware that in transposing the EU bird protection directive into national law EU Member States have adopted widely differing rules on the hunting season for carrion crows?
2. How does it view the fact that farmers, forestry owners and hunters in Germany suffer far greater economic losses than in other EU Member States owing to the fact that the hunting season is restricted in that country? Does it consider that this practice places this interest group in Germany at a disadvantage?
3. What view does it take of the fact that other countries frequently issue derogations for hunting carrion crows, while the competent German authorities refuse to do so?
4. What conditions must be met for such a derogation or the extension of the hunting period to be permissible?