

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0413/04

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to the Commission

Subject: Migrating birds and Habitat Directives with regard to the republic of Malta

In May of this year Malta will be joining the European Union. It is alleged that Malta is making little effort to enforce the EU Bird and Habitat directives. The bi-annual slaughter of exhausted migrating birds of prey continues unabated.

Will the Commission join Parliament in condemning Malta for its stance on this important issue and take effective action to ensure that the Maltese authorities fulfil their obligations in the area of nature protection and animal welfare?

This issue is especially important, as next year is the 25th anniversary of the Bird and Habitat Directives which many individuals, organisations, agencies and governments have fought to introduce and implement.