

**Question for written answer E-005350/2014
to the Council**

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Subject: Progress in implementation of EU biodiversity strategy

In its Council conclusions of June 2012 the Council stresses the need to mobilise additional resources from all possible sources and ensure adequate funding through, inter alia, the future EU financial framework, national sources and innovative financial mechanisms, as appropriate, for the effective implementation of the strategy, including predictable, adequate and regular financing for the Natura 2000 network. It also expresses the importance of further analysing this need and exploring and promoting the use of the innovative financial mechanisms in support of biodiversity policy objectives.

Has the Council mobilised additional resources to ensure adequate funding? Does the Council believe that the current funding is adequate to reach the targets of the biodiversity strategy? Has the Council developed innovative financial mechanisms in support of biodiversity policy objectives? If so, can the Council give an overview of these? If not, why not?