

**Question for written answer E-000131/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Asian long-horned beetle

Since the Asian long-horned beetle was first found in Germany in 2004, finds of fresh infestations in Germany have increased year by year.

In 2016, two new infestations with Asian long-horned beetles in Germany were reported from Bavaria: first in the port area at Kelheim on the Danube and then a few weeks ago in Murnau. In Feldkirchen quarantene area (Messestadt Riem and the 'Riemer Wäldchen' wood), further symptoms of infestation have been found. These fresh finds raise the following questions:

1. What is the current prevalence of Asian long-horned beetles in Europe, and how likely is it that further infestations of Asian long-horned beetles exist in the EU outside the areas already known to be infested?
2. How many Asian long-horned beetles are there currently within EU territory, what new infestations were found in the EU in 2016 and how were these finds made (e.g. specific monitoring, chance)?
3. Where and by whom have targeted searches been – or are they being – undertaken in the EU as a whole for infestations of Asian long-horned beetles, and what criteria have been/are being applied for the purpose of selecting the areas to be searched, and if no targeted searches are being or have been conducted, why not?