

**Question for written answer E-000143/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Asian long-horned beetle infestation and tree felling

In 2016 two new instances of Asian long-horned beetle (ALB) infestation were detected in Bavaria. This raises the following questions:

Where in the EU has the ALB been successfully been eradicated (please specify exact method used) and what financial damage has the ALB caused so far as a result of tree damage or death?

In Winterthur (Switzerland) the ALB was eradicated in a short time, although there was no preventive felling of trees within 100m of an infested tree. Is it therefore possible to eradicate the ALB without carrying out preventive tree felling within a 100m radius?

How many trees in the EU have been shown to be so badly damaged by ALB infestation that their death could not be prevented, or have died as a result of ALB infestation (please specify species), how many trees have so far had to be felled as a result of the eradication strategy (EU total and breakdown by Member States), and what has the fight against the ALB cost so far?