

**Question for written answer E-001921/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Natura 2000 and nature protection funds

Natura 2000 is an EU-wide nature protection programme which designates nature and bird protection areas in Member States. According to the Commission's Directorate General for Environment, the programme is near completion.

The new German Federal Government would like to request that the funding for Natura 2000 be increased and advocate the creation of an independent EU Nature Protection Fund.

1. When exactly does the Commission expect Natura 2000 to be complete?
2. Has the Commission provided for increased funding for a similar grant project for the multiannual financial framework after 2020?
3. Does the Commission intend to establish an independent EU Nature Protection Fund?