

**Question for written answer E-002211/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Rooks

Rooks are a recurring issue in cities in the Rhineland-Palatinate. Citizens' nerves have for years been strained by the filth, noise and damage caused. The animals are subject to special protection under the EU's Birds Directive so that a solution to the problem does not appear in sight.

- 1) Under which conditions would it be legally permissible for the State of Rhineland-Palatinate to adopt a regulation for the purpose of reducing the overpopulation of rooks?
- 2) Are all members of the crow family subject to special protection?
- 3) What can be done to manage the population of rooks? (Please provide details of past, present and future measures)