

**Question for written answer E-002903/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject:     Financing reforestation in Member States

Climate change is rapidly turning into a climate crisis and we are heading towards an ecological nightmare. Our forests are being burnt – sacrificed on the altar – for financial gains and profit for the benefit of both domestic corporations and multinationals. Fires do not start by accident but through criminal actions, and drastic measures are needed to stop them. The EU needs to act now to put in place measures that act as a deterrent to prevent illegal logging and arbitrary deforestation and the destruction and burning of forests.

Is the Commission going to announce the allocation of a specific budget for reforestation in all Member States as a matter of urgency?