

**Question for written answer E-000618/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Five-year delay in designating special areas of conservation in Bulgaria

Bulgaria has designated only 11 out of 234 sites of community importance (SCIs) as special areas of conservation (SACs) within the required time limit, and has persistently failed to establish detailed site-specific conservation objectives and measures. The Commission sent a letter of formal notice to Bulgaria on 24 January 2019 in order to solve this problem.

How does the Commission plan to resolve this issue, considering that no SACs have been designated since the letter of formal notice was issued?