Question for written answer E-002948/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Protection of rare species around wind projects in Germany, particularly in Baden-Württemberg

1. How many authorisations granted as derogations from the prohibition on killing of red kites in connection with the construction of wind turbines were notified by Germany to the Commission in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, in accordance with Article 9(3) of Directive 2009/147/EC (the Birds Directive)?

2. How many of these derogations from the prohibition on killing in connection with the construction of wind turbines in Germany were notified to the Commission between 2015 and 2019 for other rare bird species, broken down by species?

3. What is the Commission’s assessment of the action of the Baden-Württemberg State Government, from the perspective of species protection, in raising the ceiling for breeding territorial pairs of red kites - regarded as an obstacle to authorisation for the further expansion of wind power - from the current four to a future seven in the vicinity of the planned wind turbine site?