Question for written answer E-002921/2021 to the Commission
Rule 138
Catherine Chabaud (Renew), Stéphane Bijoux (Renew), Fabienne Keller (Renew), Stéphane Séjourné (Renew), Pascal Durand (Renew), Karen Melchior (Renew), Anna Júlia Donáth (Renew), Andreas Glück (Renew), Jan-Christoph Oetjen (Renew), Marie-Pierre Vedrenne (Renew), Dominique Riquet (Renew), Véronique Trillet-Lenoir (Renew), Frédérique Ries (Renew), Laurence Farreng (Renew), Bernard Guetta (Renew), Chrysoula Zacharopoulou (Renew), Olivier Chastel (Renew)

Subject: Funding of the Great Green Wall

Launched in 2007 by the African Union, the Great Green Wall (GGW) project spans 11 African countries, from Dakar to Djibouti, and aims to restore 100 million hectares of degraded land in the Sahel. The GGW could transform one of the world’s poorest regions and prevent people from being forced to migrate by creating a mosaic of green ecosystems through a systemic approach: combating desertification and drought, developing sustainable infrastructure, creating jobs and improving food security. This project embodies the integrated approach to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

So far, only 4% of the targets have been met. At the One Planet Summit in January 2021, international financial support of around EUR 12 billion by 2025 was announced, and Ursula von der Leyen said that the EU would contribute EUR 700 million per year. Stakeholders deplored the lack of a strategic European vision to respond to the challenges raised by the GGW project, including the lack of land registers in the countries concerned.

In this context, how does the Commission intend to get involved in this project and distribute the announced budget of EUR 700 million per year?