

**Question for written answer E-001382/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Level of detail and direction of EU regulatory framework for certification of carbon removal

On 21 December, the European Commission published a Communication on Sustainable Carbon Cycles. In this communication, it recognises the huge potential of carbon farming, both for the climate and for farmers. The major challenge is to streamline all the existing initiatives, both private and public. Overly diverse measurement, organisational and calculation systems would be detrimental to the climate and to farmers. Above all, certificates must not become meaningless. The Commission has indicated that it will propose an EU regulatory framework for the certification of carbon removal by the end of 2022. However, questions have been raised among stakeholders concerning the level of detail in the Commission proposals and the direction to be taken. This is currently holding back the deployment of initiatives and further research. There is an urgent need for more clarity.

1. Can the European Commission give an idea of the direction it will follow with the legislative proposal for certification of carbon removal?
2. What level of detail is aimed for? Is the Commission working on a number of general principles or is it working on one set of clear and harmonised regulations for all initiatives?
3. Will the Commission establish rules on the role that national and regional governments can or must play, or will the Commission leave it entirely to the market?