

**Question for written answer E-003516/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Compatibility of the Cantabria Land Law with the EU Soil Strategy

The EU Soil Strategy calls on 'Member States to set, by 2023, national targets for the reduction of land taken up by new settlements and infrastructure'. However, the Land Law adopted by the Government of Cantabria in 2022 (Law 5/2022 of 15 July 2022) allows, for a period of two years, all Cantabrian municipalities to build single-family housing on rural land and, after that period, allows building in 91 of the 102 municipalities. The condition is that it be built less than 100 metres from urban land. Building on specially protected rural land is excluded but, in the absence of a spatial plan, this type of land is mostly unclassified.

1. Does the Commission consider that Law 5/2022 of 15 July 2022 runs counter to the initiative on strategic autonomy and food security and sustainability (NAT/822) by facilitating the sealing of agricultural and forestry land?
2. Does it believe that this law meets the objectives of moving towards climate neutrality?
3. Does the Commission consider that Law 5/2022 is in line with the EU Soil Strategy and that it sets ambitious regional and local targets to reduce net land take?