

**Question for written answer E-000101/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: The Commission's warnings regarding Swedish forest management

Sweden's forests cover 70% of the country's territory and are one of the largest carbon sinks in Europe. In addition to pushing for more ambitious policies relating to climate change, Sweden is also determined to become climate-neutral by 2045 – five years earlier than the EU target.

However, the Commission has warned Sweden about its forest management and its frequent-felling policy. The forestry industry is a key driver of Sweden's economy. Therefore, countries with a high proportion of forest coverage such as Sweden, but also Finland and Austria, have said that the Commission should stop interfering in national forest management.

In light of the above:

1. Is there a European regulation on logging?
2. Considering that most of the country is covered by forest holdings, and that the country partly lives off the forestry industry, are the Commission's warnings appropriate?
3. Are Swedish MEPs correct in saying that Sweden is compensating for the higher emissions of other countries?

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