

**Question for written answer E-001134/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Nature Restoration Law

In the summer of 2022, the Commission submitted its proposed Nature Restoration Law, the aim of which is to ensure that the damage done to European nature is repaired and that nature is restored. Given that this law also strongly impacts Austria, we have some questions.

1. Under this law, Member States will be required to implement certain nature restoration measures on at least 20 % of their territory by 2030. This means that any production in these areas will cease. How will the supply of domestic produce be ensured if production stops?
2. The decline of farming is major challenge, especially in Austria. The Commission's plans will further exacerbate this problem. How will the Commission make sure that there are still enough farmers and that they are not discouraged from continuing to farm?
3. How does the Commission intend to decide which farmers are to be expropriated and which are not, and on the basis of what criteria is this to be decided?

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