

**Question for written answer E-001821/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Copernicus Programme funding gap

The Copernicus Programme is the world's leading Earth Observation programme and a crucial tool for gathering data enabling a range of applications in important areas such as climate change mitigation, disaster response, agriculture and security.

The Copernicus Programme's environmental monitoring component makes it a key asset in the EU's efforts to achieve its zero pollution objective. However, the current funding gap raises valid questions about the continuity of the programme.

1. In this context, what plans does the Commission have to fund the Copernicus Programme's existing financial deficit in its review of the multiannual financial framework that is currently under way?

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