

**Question for written answer E-002768/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Misuse of NextGenerationEU funds and felling of almost century-old trees in Pordenone

In December 2023, 53 almost century-old linden trees in the former trade fair area of Pordenone, which are perfectly healthy and have been surveyed, will be cut down as part of a building project costing more than EUR 12 million. This area is already a social, cultural and sporting centre for the city, with redevelopment work having been completed there in 2021. The municipality's project envisages new construction work and is absolutely unnecessary: the declared aim is to regenerate an already redeveloped area – one that is not blighted by problems of degradation or marginalisation, even though these are the alleged pillars on which the project is based. The municipality will inappropriately use funds from the NextGenerationEU programme for this work, under the banner of the regeneration of degraded areas, as part of Mission 5 of Italy's national recovery and resilience plan (NRRP). The absurdity of cutting down dozens of wonderful trees, which constitute a green lung for the city, only adds insult to injury.

Does the Commission not consider that it should ask the Italian State for an explanation for this environmental atrocity and the improper use of NRRP funds?

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