

**Question for written answer E-000345/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
Aurélia Beigneux (ID)

Subject: Alarming decline in bird populations in Europe

While the European Union has been adopting one regulation or directive after another in the field of biodiversity, many bird species are in critical danger of extinction due to the Commission's globalist and ultra-liberal ideology.

The numerous free trade agreements have considerably intensified maritime traffic, leading to an increase in spills of chemicals, hydrocarbons and other polluting substances and, consequently, disrupting the wintering of birds. This phenomenon alters food resources, hinders the migratory behaviour of birds and is causing a worrying decline in bird populations in Europe.

At the same time, rapid urbanisation in the form unregulated urban sprawl is mercilessly devouring natural areas. This industrial, residential and commercial expansion is pushing animal species out of their habitats, leaving them with just small pockets of land and depriving them of vital resources.

1. What action does the Commission intend to take to reduce maritime pollution caused by the numerous free trade agreements?
2. What mechanisms does it have at its disposal to encourage Member States to reduce urban sprawl?
3. How does the Commission intend to halt the decline in bird populations on our continent?

Submitted: 2.2.2024