

**Question for written answer E-000424/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Felling of hundred-year-old plane trees in Unhais da Serra

In Unhais da Serra, in the Serra da Estrela natural park, more than 20 healthy plane trees – most of which over a hundred years old – have been inexplicably felled or pruned. The operation, classified as an ‘environmental upgrade’ by Covilhã Municipal Council, has significant environmental consequences and was carried out without any public notification, justification or explanation. Concerns have also been raised about the trees that have escaped felling.

Information at the site explains that the felling is designed to ‘(re)introduce trees to green spaces and create shade in built-up areas’ and receives EU funding.

I would like to know what EU funds were used specifically for this process and to what extent the consequences are in line with the objectives of those programmes and measures?

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