

**Question for written answer E-000504/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Allocation of EU Natura Network funding in Fragas do Eume (Galicia)

The Fragas do Eume nature reserve (Galicia) is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in the Natura 2000 network. The Usage and Management Plans (PRUX) of the seven nature reserves in Galicia's Natura Network were completed in 2023 (amending the 1996 plan). The plans mobilise EUR 70 million of European funding, with the regional government providing EUR 3 million. Together with staff costs, this reaches a total of EUR 8.5 million over ten years¹. In 2023, the regional government declared the Fragas do Eume Foundation – established by Ecoener – to be in the regional interest. Ecoener is a multinational corporation offering environmental engineering solutions. It is listed on the stock exchange. According to the information available, at least part of the management of the funds for the reserve has been awarded to this multinational².

In view of this:

1. To which entity are the European funds ultimately being allocated?
2. What information does the Commission have on the plans and their implementation and who is responsible for implementing and ensuring the proper use of these funds since the SAC's creation?
3. Are there any cases where SACs belong to several neighbours or owners and where these receive compensation on account of new usage limitations and who should provide such compensation?

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¹ Regional Government of Galicia, *Galician Government approves the 10-year Usage and Management Plan for the Fragas do Eume Nature Reserve entailing an estimated investment of EUR 8.5 million*: https://www.xunta.gal/notas-de-prensa/-/nova/77757/rueda-anuncia-que-xunta-aprueba-plan-uso-gestion-del-parque-natural-fragas-eume?langId=es_ES

² *Fragas do Eume Foundation established to aid the conservation of the nature reserve*: <https://www.europapress.es/galicia/noticia-nace-fundacion-fragas-do-eume-objetivo-contribuir-conservacion-parque-natural-20230421141032.html>