

ORAL QUESTION H-0036/08
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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Using water to restore the climate

Climate change is being exacerbated by the enlargement of dry regions on all continents, which are rapidly warming up and changing both local and regional climate. The drying-out of the landscape is caused not only by the rapid drainage of rainwater but also by land improvement and deforestation. Storing rainwater in water containers situated mainly in locations where land has dried out as a result of human activity constitutes a cheap, fast, effective and unproblematic way of alleviating extremes of weather.

Is the Commission open to a new water paradigm aimed at using water to restore the climate, the objective being to solve the problem of climate change using alternative approaches?

Would the Commission support a programme of rainwater storage in populated areas as a strategic measure to alleviate climate change?

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