

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1723/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Threat posed to European vine growing by phylloxera

Grape phylloxera (*Phylloxera*, *Dactylasphaera vitifoliae* or *Viteus vitifolii*) is a vine pest which, in the previous century, caused huge devastation to European vineyards.

How does the Commission assess the current threat to the European vine growing sector from phylloxera?

What is the Commission's view of the preventive management measures taken by individual EU Member States to combat phylloxera?

Does the Commission recommend the use of carbon disulphide to combat phylloxera?

How effective, in the Commission's view, is the Bayer AG product CONFIDOR against the leaf galling form of phylloxera?