

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2780/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Forest fires in the Union

This year, parts of the Union were hit by a wave of forest fires; in Portugal these were positively catastrophic.

Given that the Commission spends considerable sums on forest protection plans and forestry measures, and has the Community information system on forest fires at its disposal.

1. What three species were most affected, and what were the surface areas devastated by forest fires, in each of the Member States in the last 10 years?
2. What percentage do these species account for in each Member State's woodlands as a whole?
3. What is the size of the areas covered by these more vulnerable species which have been devastated in the last 10 years?
4. What measures were taken, as part of the management of the EAGGF Guarantee, to prevent the funding of the more vulnerable species, and what amount of money went into the more fire-resistant species?
5. If the Commission has a forest tree flammability scale in graded form, would it provide me with the details?