

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4138/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Setting up of a national agency for conservation areas in Romania

In the absence of a national agency for conservation areas in Romania, such areas are being threatened with excessive deforestation, illegal building activities, exploitation of their national resources and even uncontrolled residential and tourist development. In Romania, 963 sites have been declared national wildlife conservation areas, covering about 7% of the territory, which is below the European average of 14.24%.

In view of this, can the Commission indicate what information it has concerning the setting-up of a national agency for conservation areas in Romania and what measures it can take to expedite matters so as to save and protect conservation areas of national and European interest?