

**Question for written answer P-005037/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Publication of the results of the fitness check on Natura 2000 legislation

In 2015 the Commission announced that it would be carrying out an assessment of Natura 2000 legislation, to check whether it was 'fit for purpose', and said that the assessment would be evidence-based and could lead to changes being made to the legislation.

The assessment of the effectiveness of the Natura 2000 directives was based on evidence gathering in the 28 Member States and a public consultation in which fully 520 000 people took part.

The Commission said that it would publish the results of the fitness check, together with a staff working document on the future of the directives, in early 2016. However, neither the results nor the staff working document have been published to date.

When does the Commission expect to publish the results?