

**Priority question for written answer P-002956/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Biodiversity strategy and forest strategy

In spring 2021 the Commission concluded public consultations on two documents: the Strategy for Biodiversity in the EU and the Forest Strategy in the EU. Both documents are giving rise to considerable debate in countries where natural resources are safeguarded and where societies, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, are able to exploit and protect nature. The justification for a practical approach to environmental and nature protection can be found in the extensive literature on the topic. My constituents believe that these documents may impede development in Central and Eastern Europe. In this context I would like to ask you for information on the results of the public consultation on the above-mentioned documents.

1. How many people across the EU took part in the consultations, and could you provide data broken down by Member State for each of the strategies?
2. How many research centres took part in the consultations and how many anonymous opinions were there?
3. Is the Commission planning to repeat the consultations or when will the report on the results of the consultations be published?