

**Priority question for written answer P-004083/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Clarification on urban ecosystems in the proposed nature restoration regulation

The Commission proposed legislation on nature restoration in June 2022. The proposal contains many different actions to enhance biodiversity but leaves considerable uncertainty about implementation.

One of the main concerns is Article 6 on urban ecosystems. The Commission should specify the meaning of the term 'total area' in Article 6(2). It refers to the total area of the municipality and seems to include the total area of urban green space. Does the term 'total area' refer to the total area of municipalities (including water) or the total area of municipal urban green space?

Furthermore, the definition of urban green space and the role of the Copernicus Land Monitoring Service are unclear. Does the definition of urban green space area include planted areas on privately owned land, gardens in private housing plots and/or parks? In the CORINE Land Cover 2018 dataset parks are classified as artificial surfaces. The definitions of terms have a major impact on the accuracy of the material (e.g. 10 m x 10 m vs. 25 hectares).

In addition, is the data on urban green space and tree canopy cover for the reference year 2021 going to be made available on the internet?

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