

**Priority question for written answer P-001484/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Valuation of ecosystem services in the context of the Nature Restoration Regulation

Over a number of years, the Commission, working together with experts, has come up with comprehensive, high-quality methods to help place an economic value on 'ecosystem services' with a view to making it clear that nature restoration is not simply a cost but a profitable investment. For example, the Commission's web page on the proposed nature restoration law<sup>1</sup> states that every euro invested in nature restoration adds between EUR 8 and EUR 38 in benefits.

With regard to Denmark, the Commission has estimated that the positive effects resulting from the implementation of the regulation will exceed EUR 3.17 billion per year (Table III-3, p. 150), i.e. more than DKK 23 billion annually. The Commission's proposal for a regulation is currently the subject of a political debate in Denmark. During a 'consultation' in the Danish Parliament, the Danish Environment Minister questioned the Commission's calculation methods and claimed that the Member States do not have access to them.

1. Will the Commission comment on the claim that the Commission's calculation methods for the valuation of ecosystem services are inaccessible to Member States?
2. What view does the Commission take of the fact that Denmark does not recognise the Commission's calculations on the valuation of ecosystem services, or take them as a starting point, and what is its view of the Danish Government's strong aversion to the level of ambition of the Commission's proposal for a nature restoration regulation?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/nature-restoration-law\\_en](https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/nature-restoration-law_en)