

**Priority question for written answer P-002035/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Proposed Urbanism Code puts Romanian green spaces at risk

A project aimed at bringing several normative acts in Romania together into a single legislative act has caused concern. The initiative, which is widely known as the Urbanism Code, may appear to be underpinned by good intentions, but it actually includes problematic aspects beneath the surface that would threaten the protection of numerous urban green spaces.

The project would legalise illegally built blocks of flats and decimate privately owned green spaces. It passed the first vote in the Romanian Senate and is due to be discussed by the Chamber of Deputies in autumn 2023.

The proposal is opposed by environmental activists, the General Council of Bucharest and the Romanian Order of Architects.

1. Is the Commission aware of this legislative project, which runs counter to European norms and is particularly at odds with the proposal for a nature restoration law¹?
2. What measures could it take if the legislative project were approved by Romanian MPs, especially in light of the provisions that would be harmful to Romanian cities?

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¹ Commission proposal of 22 June 2022 for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on nature restoration (COM(2022)0304).