

**Priority question for written answer P-003684/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Trees felled for the Madrid metro line 11 extension

The Madrid metro line 11 extension promoted by the Autonomous Community of Madrid involves destroying a number of trees, affecting places under special urban protection and/or classified as UNESCO world heritage. The project significantly harms public health and the environment and involves senselessly felling 700 mature trees and affecting 48 170 m² of parks and green spaces.

The project is financed by a EUR 372 million loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB)¹ and is not in line with EU standards or the Sustainable Development Goals. It also breaches seven of the Climate Bank's eleven environmental and social standards.

Despite the viable alternatives proposed by Madrid residents, illegal felling began on 11 December 2023².

In light of the above:

1. What does the Commission make of this loss of tree cover and subsequent impact on health and the environment?
2. Does the Commission consider this project to be compatible with the EU's climate policies? Can it explain why?

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¹ <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-463-eib-and-community-of-madrid-agree-eur372-million-in-financing-to-extend-line-11-of-madrid-metro?lang=en>

² <https://noticiasparamunicipios.com/noticias-madrid/madrid-arrancan-las-talas-de-arboles-por-la-ampliacion-de-la-l11-de-metro-ultima-hora/>