

**Question for written answer E-002227/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Acceleration areas

The Autonomous Community of Galicia is the subject of an infringement case for failure to conform to the Habitats Directive with regard to the area and the management of the Natura 2000 Network, as the Galician Government has protected an area equivalent to only 13 % of the territory – compared with the 20 % laid down in the directive – and has large deficits in its management figures, as evidenced by the Commission’s answer to my question E-002754/2022¹, in which the Commission wrote that it ‘considers that the Master Plan established by Galicia for the management of Natura 2000 does not meet the requirements of the Habitats Directive’.

To conform to the revised Renewable Energy Directive, the competent authorities must designate renewables acceleration areas by February 2026 at the latest. In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider it appropriate to set acceleration areas without nature conservation measures in line with EU legislation having been taken?
2. Does the Commission believe that the coverage of the Natura 2000 network should be extended so that it conforms to the Habitats Directive before acceleration areas are set?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-002754-ASW_EN.html