

**Question for written answer E-003490/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to green space

Reports have shown that the public's appreciation for green spaces has increased during the COVID-19 crisis, as access to green areas has positive effects on our mental and physical health. In light of the Natura 2000 protected areas and the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 target of transforming at least 30 % of Europe's lands and seas into effectively managed protected areas:

1. Does the Commission intend to safeguard public access to these protected areas?
2. How can the Commission ensure that EU citizens have access to these green areas and that the national competent authorities designated to protect these spaces will allow the public to use them and other national parks?