

**Question for written answer E-003496/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Mediterranean desertification

A recent report by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) described how 13 Member States notified the UNCCD that desertification is increasing as land becomes more arid. In view of the EU's commitment to achieving land degradation neutrality by 2030:

1. Could the Commission explain how it is coordinating action to prevent desertification in the Mediterranean Member States?
2. Will it revive the aims of the proposed Soil Framework Directive in this regard?
3. How can it ensure that the Member States adopt a uniform approach in order to prevent poor and fragmented decision-making?