

**Question for written answer E-000512/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Valencia City Council representative denies climate change at an event promoted by the European Green Capital

As part of Valencia's year as European Green Capital – awarded to it by the Commission for 2024 – a conference was organised on 'Conservation and management of wetlands to tackle climate change'. José Gosálbez, a representative of Valencia City Council and a member of Devesa-Albufera Municipal Council, publicly declared to all those attending the conference that the problem with the Albufera wetland 'is not climate change, climate alarmism or climate religion' and that 'all this talk of a climate bubble has merely been an ideological decoy and a waste of public money'.

He also said at the event – organised under the auspices of the Commission – that 'many scientists, including Nobel prize winners, have already distanced themselves' from the definition of climate change¹.

In view of these statements by a public representative at a European Green Capital event, promoted by the Commission:

1. Does the Commission believe that there is scientific evidence on climate change and the corresponding global warming?
2. In its view, what scientific evidence is there regarding the impact of global warming on European wetlands such as the Albufera wetlands?

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¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO71qsBp4ww&t=96s>