

**Question for written answer E-000936/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU competences in forest matters

The role of the European Union in the area of forests has been debated in the European Parliament in connection with various initiatives, including the Biodiversity Strategy, the EU Forest Strategy, the Nature Restoration Law and the proposal for a regulation on forest monitoring, among others. In these discussions, the division of competences between the Union and the Member States has been interpreted in different ways.

Recognising that the Union has shared competence in areas such as the environment, climate action and agriculture, I should like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Can the Commission confirm what competences it has in forest matters and how it has exercised any shared competences to date?
2. How has the legitimate exercise of those competences by the EU and its cooperation with the Member States been reflected in EU legislation on forests?
3. What are the benefits – in cohesion with European policies on the climate, biodiversity and the circular economy – of the EU's ability to act on issues relating to forests?

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