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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
ENVIRONMENT  
Directorate D – Biodiversity  
ENV.D – The Director

Brussels,  
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**Subject:        PETITION – Biodiversity in Brussels**

Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your message to Commissioner Sinkevičius, who asked me to reply on his behalf. With your petition, you share your concerns about the lack of measures taken by the government of the Brussels Region to protect biodiversity and in particular the destruction of 24 acres of land.

Should you consider that the semi-natural sites mentioned in your petition are threatened by illegal actions, I would encourage you to contact, as a first instance, the relevant environmental authorities of the Brussels Region.

The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 has set ambitious targets for increasing the coverage of protection areas in the European Union by 2030. Member States should contribute on a voluntary basis to this target by submitting pledges for new areas to be designated. According to the Strategy, Member States have until the end of 2023 to demonstrate that they have made significant progress in the legal designation of new protected areas and the integration of ecological corridors. On this basis, the European Commission will assess in 2024 whether the Union is on track to meet its 2030 targets or whether stronger actions, including legal proposals, are needed.

Meanwhile we are tracking progress on each biodiversity target, including on protected areas, via dedicated [online tools](#).

I thank you again for your interest and engagement in preserving biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*

Humberto Delgado Rosa