

**Question for written answer E-006733/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: High-voltage line between Spain and Portugal

The Spanish 'Red Eléctrica' power company is planning to route a 400-kilovolt power line between Spain and Portugal, a project that will have serious implications for the Spanish Portuguese municipalities of Arbo and Monçao respectively. It will in particular affect three entire districts of Arbo, being situated less than 100 metres (in certain cases less than 20 metres) from a number of homes, prompting major protests by the residents and local authorities of both municipalities. It will also impact on the Rias Baixas DO vineyards producing quality wines, the Barcela ancient Roman goldmine, the Gêres-Xurés international biosphere reserve and the Baixo Miño SCI and SPAB forming part of the Natura 2000 network, the undertaking in question having rejected alternative routes proposed by the municipal authorities.

1. Has the Commission been informed of the serious social and environmental impact of this project?
2. Does the project comply with European Union rules?
3. Is the Commission considering the possibility of urging both countries to reroute the power line?