

**Question for written answer E-008717/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Closure of the Santa María de Garoña nuclear power station

Although the Santa María de Garoña power station has already come to the end of its useful life and should have ceased operation, the Garoña operating company has applied, with the consent of the Government of Spain, to reopen it for a further 15 years in spite of its minimal input into the Spanish grid and ignoring the opposition of the majority of political parties and citizens to this step.

Although renewals of the operating licences for nuclear power stations are a matter for national jurisdiction, the new Commission has stressed its commitment to the energy transition and promotion of renewable energies.

1. Can the Commission say whether it has received any notification from the Spanish Government concerning the possible reinstatement of the Garoña nuclear-power station until 2031? Does the Commission have the necessary information to assess the environmental impact of this decision and assure European citizens of its safety?
2. Is the Commission planning to establish an ethical body to check that decisions taken by national authorities do not imply a risk for local areas and citizens, including for nearby places in neighbouring countries?