

**Question for written answer E-008813/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Casas Vellas power line

The building of the power line between O Irixo and Lalín is causing serious public concern on account of its environmental impact on woodlands of great ecological value, the fragas de Casas Vellas, which form a continuation of the fragas de Catasós, a protected natural area, and have ancient chestnut trees considered to be the best examples of their kind in Europe. In the middle of last century the FAO called for the fragas de Casas Vellas to be protected; at present, these woodlands rank as one of Galicia's natural monuments of the 21st century and are included on the Galician exceptional tree list. Local residents are calling for the power line to be re-routed in order to ensure that the closeness of the N 525 road will not afford a pretext for tree felling; up to now their calls have gone unheeded.

1. Has EU funding been sought or granted for the implementation of the power line project?
2. If so, does the Commission believe such financial support to be compatible with environmental conservation?
3. Does it think that this project might be contrary to EU environmental and landscape protection legislation?