

**Question for written answer E-010290/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Infringement of Directive 2001/42/EC

Following a flawed and non-transparent tendering procedure, a contract was signed transferring the 'Elliniko' public company, which owns 624 hectares of coastline, to the sole bidder, Lamda Development S.A.

The sale of such a large stretch of coastline (3 km), in accordance with market criteria alone, is effectively depriving the only EU capital with practically no green spaces at all of its last potential resource for environmental restoration and development.

This is a crime against the environment, infringing the basic principles of sustainable growth and the provisions of Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, which stipulates strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedures in this connection.

However, regardless of the above provisions, a special law (4062/2012) was adopted containing a number of large-scale urban and rural planning arrangements with major implications for environmental protection in Athens.

Furthermore, no strategic environmental assessment or environmental impact assessment reports were drawn up, as required, during tendering or prior to signature of the contract, thereby infringing Directive 2001/42/EC and invalidating the entire procedure.

In view of this:

What measures will the Commission take to remedy these infringements, given that the inhabitants of the Greek capital have been deprived of their last opportunity to improve their quality of life and protect the environment more effectively?