

**Question for written answer E-010541/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Infringement of international Aarhus Convention and Directive 2001/42/EC in connection with the sale of the Elliniko site

The procedures followed for the sale of the large (624-hectare) Elliniko site situated along 3.5 km of coastline in an area of great importance for the development of the capital, infringed free market rules. While the ostensible purpose of the sale was to help towards national debt repayment, it effectively created a serious threat to the environment, thereby jeopardising the quality of life of local residents.

Furthermore, the sale was completed without any public consultation regarding the impact on the city.

This was an infringement of:

1. The international Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Regulation (EC) 1367/2006),
2. The provisions of Directive 2001/42/EC concerning consultations, impact assessment during decision making and constantly updated information for the public regarding plans and projects significantly affecting the environment.

The above provisions were breached by the sales contract drawn up under law 4062/2012. Members of the public were not involved or consulted and were not informed of the impact of the project or the implications of the sale contract for quality of their urban environment or the impact on their own quality of life and that of future generations.

In view of this:

- What measures will be taken by the Commission to remedy the omissions and ensure that the correct procedures are followed, thereby safeguarding the basic rights of individual citizens?