

**Question for written answer E-010952/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Possible infringement of Directive 2009/147/EC in the Menorca Me-1 Maó-Alaior road improvement scheme

Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds includes the red kite —*Milvus milvus*— in its Annex I. Under this Directive, 'the species mentioned in Annex I shall be the subject of special conservation measures concerning their habitat in order to ensure their survival and reproduction in their area of distribution'.

The Menorca Island Council (Balearic Islands, Spain) is carrying out the Me-1 Maó-Alaior road improvement scheme that includes building four two-tier roundabouts in a stretch of just 9.5 km. This will have an enormous impact on the land bordering the road.

Maps of the area affected by the roadworks indicate that it is an area of biological importance for *Milvus milvus* in three official documents: the report on 'The Situation of Land Vertebrates under Threat on the Island of Menorca'; the Plan for the Recovery of *Milvus milvus* on the Balearic Islands; and the Balearic Islands Government BioAtlas.

Despite this, the environmental impact assessment of the road scheme did not take the presence of this species into account.

Is the European Union going to examine this case and ensure compliance with Directive 2009/147/EC?