

**Question for written answer E-001699/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Hanhikivi nuclear power station

The planned Hanhikivi 1 nuclear power station in Finland would seriously damage the environment in Finland and Sweden.

The Gulf of Bothnia is a valuable environment featuring brackish water and land uplift, which is unparalleled anywhere in the world and is very sensitive to any environmental impact. Following its history as a nuclear-free zone in northern Europe, the whole region would suffer changes to its environment and safety because of this nuclear power station in Pyhäjoki.

The proposed site is located less than 150 km from the centres of the Swedish towns Haparanda, Kalix, Luleå, Piteå and Skellefteå. There is strong opposition, both in Finland and in Sweden. Despite this, the Finnish Government decided on 18 September 2014 to grant Fennovoima the supplementary decision-in-principle for which the undertaking had applied.

The wholly state-owned Russian undertaking Rosatom is Fennovoima's largest shareholder. Moreover, Rosatom is to build the reactor and supply a special enriched-uranium fuel. On 30 December 2014, the Russian Government decided to allocate RUB 150 bn (USD 2.3 bn) to the construction of the Hanhikivi reactor.

Has the Commission adopted a position regarding the damaging environmental impact and the safety risks which will arise from the nuclear power station in Hanhikivi?

Does the Commission consider it compatible with the current sanctions against Russia that the Russian Government should allocate RUB 150 bn to the construction of the Hanhikivi reactor?