

**Question for written answer E-004080/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Regeneration of the site of a former military arsenal on the island of La Maddalena (Italy)

In 2008, the Italian Government began regenerating the site of a former military arsenal on the island of La Maddalena. 17 hectares of coastline and sea floor had been polluted by heavy metals and hydrocarbons, exceeding limits set by national legislation. Of the 62 000 tonnes of materials collected, 21 % were classified as hazardous. The total cost of work was EUR 400 million.

The area was included on the list of Sites of National Interest (SIN) under Ordinance No 3716 on civil protection of 2008. The government subsequently decided to stop the regeneration project, but stated that it would complete it 'for a relaunch of tourism initiatives in La Maddalena' (Decree of the Presidency of the Council, 2012). The NOE (Operating Ecological Core) reports that the work has not been completed.

The pollution of the area was confirmed by the Ministry of Environment report of the technical meeting of 23 April concerning the SIN 'La Maddalena'. New data shows 'a residual contamination by heavy metals' that exceeds limit values (see minutes of technical meetings concerning the SIN 'La Maddalena').

Could any EU fund be used to regenerate the site of La Maddalena?

Does the Commission believe that this project was in line with Directive 2004/35/EC?