Question for written answer E-006798/2015 to the Commission

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Subject: Oil exploration project for Badile and Zibido San Giacomo (Milan)

The Italian Ministry for Economic Development issued the Ministerial Decree of 23 March 2010 granting the company Apennine Energy S.p.A. the 'Badile' exploratory drilling permit.

The Lombardy Regional Government issued Decree No 1837 of 11 March 2015 approving the project to drill the 'Moirago1 dir' test well as being compatible with environmental requirements.

The project relates to an area adjacent to the South Milan Rural Park and the Lacchiarella Oasis (SCI IT2050010), in which the 91E0 habitat is considered a priority within the meaning of Directive 92/43/EEC.

The vicinity of the well (around 4.8 km) would make the Lacchiarella Oasis especially vulnerable in the event of an accident.

The Po Valley is already at great environmental risk owing to the presence of large-scale industrial activity, and in Judgment C-531/13 the Court of Justice emphasised that where several projects are initiated in the same area, their cumulative effect should be assessed.

In the light of the above and in view of Directives 79/409/EEC, 92/43/EEC and 85/337/EEC, does the Commission not consider that the failure to take into account the cumulative effect of the project with other projects might place question a mark over the positive outcome to the EIA?

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