Question for written answer E-011288/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: SAC Embalse de Abegondo-Cecebre

In March last year, the Galician regional government adopted Decree 37/2014 declaring the sites of Community interest in Galicia to be special areas of conservation and endorsing the Natura 2000 Network master plan 22 years after Directive 92/43/EEC established this European ecological network.

A number of associations claim that the plan as approved has significant weaknesses, saying that it would open the door to activities having a major environmental impact, such as forestry monocultures, increased building areas (up to 50 % more in the areas with the highest level of protection), open-cast mining and aquaculture, even in the areas with the greatest environmental value.

The Abegondo-Cecebre Dam has been included among the areas considered to be special areas of conservation. Can the Commission say whether it has received the specific management plan for this SAC? If so, what is its opinion of it? If not, when should the plan be approved and what are the implications of it not having been approved? Lastly, can it please also state what EU aid this SAC has received?

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