

**Question for written answer E-012619/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU-funded work on the Interpretation Centre for Galicia's Nature Reserves

Work on the Interpretation Centre for Galicia's nature reserves began in Ourense (Galicia) on 7 September 2009, under an agreement between the Galician Regional Government and the Spanish Government. The Interpretation Centre has been granted 100 % funding, to the tune of EUR 8 million, from the EU Cohesion Fund and will have a surface area of 3 000 square metres.

The Centre is intended to make society more aware of the importance of nature reserves and of the Natura 2000 network in Galicia. However in November 2011 the Galician Regional Government apparently stopped work on the Centre, placing its EU funding in jeopardy. A new cooperation agreement was adopted in November 2012 in order to complete the Centre but work is still currently at a standstill.

Does the Commission know about the current state of work on building this Centre? Is there a danger that the monies received from the EU will have to be returned owing to the work not being completed on time?