

**Question for written answer E-016039/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Nessa Childers (S&D)

Subject: Ireland's implementation of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU

A number of authoritative sources among Irish constituents, with input from European Law Environmental Consultants, point to a failure by the Irish authorities to implement or enforce the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Planning and Development Act, 2000) Regulations 2012 which give legal effect to Directive 2011/92/EU, and note that custom and practice in relation to Environmental Impact Assessments by planning authorities have not changed since ruling C-50/09 of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Could the Commission therefore clarify whether Schedule 6 of the Irish Planning and Development Regulations 2001 is in line with the information requirements laid out in Annex IV of the Directive?

Could the Commission further indicate what action it is taking, or intends to take, to ensure that Ireland is in compliance with the Directive in general, and that planning authorities carry out Environmental Impact Assessments in compliance with Article 3 of the Directive?