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to the Commission**

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Subject: New Florence airport

The final approval procedures for the new Florence airport now under way are proving to be extremely lengthy, while at the same time the environmental impact assessment findings at present exist only in provisional draft form pending 'further studies'.

The Italian civil aviation authority (ENAC) and the Tuscany Airports company have justified this by saying that 'this is how things are done in Europe' and 'it is standard practice'.

In its Opinion 106 of 23 June 2015, the Tuscany Regional Environmental Impact Assessment Department indicated that it needed to see a definitive 2014-2029 master plan for the new Florence airport in order to comment.

Under Article 23(1) of Decree Law 152/2006, the final draft must be submitted together with an environmental impact survey for assessment purposes.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say whether it is acceptable to carry out an EIA on the basis of a preliminary draft pending 'further studies'?

What procedures are required under European directives and what is being done in practice?

What are the possible implications of this for Italy?