

**Question for written answer E-001576/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Blue Print project and grave polluting impact of port and ship repair activities on the city of Genoa

The Genoa Port Authority is about to launch the Blue Print project, which will involve the extension of the area for ship repair activities in the port of Genoa. This means that a heavy and extremely polluting industry will be extended and reinforced, just 200 metres away from residential parts of the city.

This would exacerbate an already serious situation, as evidenced by a thorough testing campaign carried out by the Open Port Committee (*Comitato Porto Aperto*), which can be consulted on the website <http://tinyurl.com/zscd89t> and which shows that massive amounts of heavy metals and harmful substances, listed by the EPA as typical of naval operations, are falling over most of the city.

Can the Commission therefore clarify:

1. whether it is aware of this project and whether it intends to carry out the necessary inquiries to assess the implications of the project in terms of the environment and compliance with current EU rules;
2. whether the limit values for air quality in the urban agglomeration of Genoa are being complied with, pursuant to Directive 2008/50/EC;
3. what the current state of implementation and enforcement of the strategic noise map provisions for that agglomeration is, in the light of Directive 2002/49/EC relating to the assessment and management of noise;
4. whether the limits and provisions of Directives 2008/1/EC and 1999/13/EC are being complied with?