

**Question for written answer E-003884/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

**Marco Affronte (EFDD), Isabella Adinolfi (EFDD) and Dario Tamburrano (EFDD)**

Subject: Projects in the 'Brenta floodplain and wetlands' (SCI/SPA IT3260018)

Approval is soon to be given for two projects in the 'Brenta floodplain and wetlands' (SCI/SPA IT3260018).

The first project relates to the supply of water from wells and the removal and recovery of materials along the riverbed at Camazzole di Carmignano di Brenta under Regional Executive Decision (DGR) 2407 of 29 December 2011). The second project concerns the removal of material and rehabilitation of the river Brenta outflow in the municipalities of Cittadella, Fontanaviva and Carmignano di Brenta, (Veneto Regional Decree 205/13). The first project involves the sinking of five unauthorised wells, the excavation of 70 000 m<sup>3</sup> along the riverbed and the creation of an artificial channel. The second project involves the removal of around 550 000 m<sup>3</sup> of material along about two kilometres of the riverbed, which will be lowered as a result, causing the depletion of wild fauna and the destruction of river habitats because of swifter currents.

The SCI technical file refers to 'the vulnerability of the site in terms of pollution, riverbank modification, refuse disposal, destruction of riparian vegetation, removal of sand and gravel, and hydrographic changes in general.'

In view of this and in the light of Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, in particular Article 4 thereof:

1. Does the Commission consider that projects having such an environmental and geomorphological impact should be brought to the attention of the EU, given their lasting consequences for the SCI/SPA in question?
2. Does it consider such projects to be in line with SCI provisions?