

**Question for written answer E-004358/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Transposition of Directive 2013/30/EU into Italian law

The Offshore Directive (Directive 2013/30/EU) was transposed into Italian law by means of Legislative Decree 145 of 18 August 2015. However, the Italian legislation appears to be at odds with the directive in a number of respects. Firstly, the decree does not afford the authority responsibility for regulating the economic development of offshore natural resources the total independence required under the directive. The problems in this area include the assignment of a range of responsibilities to the National Mining Office for Hydrocarbons and Georesources (in the Ministry for Economic Development) and the setting aside of a seat on the relevant inter-departmental committee for the office's director-general. Secondly, the provisions on the protection of environmentally sensitive areas and on proof of the financial and technical capacity of applicants also appear to have been incorrectly transposed.

In view of the above, and of the letter that a number of recognised environmental associations sent to it on 8 October 2015, can the Commission say:

1. How it intends to ensure that Directive 2013/30/EU is correctly transposed into national law and implemented in full?
2. Whether it believes that Italy has transposed the directive correctly and, if it does not, whether it intends to open infringement proceedings against Italy?