

**Question for written answer E-000355/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: 'El Fresno Sur' logistics activities zone (ZAL) - Port of Algeciras, (Cadiz). Building on the River Palmones flood plains (SAC 612006) using EU funds and its dire consequences

Since 2004, as no Environmental Impact Assessment has ever been carried out on building work in the River Palmones basin, complaints on that matter have been raised with the Commission through parliamentary questions, for example, E-2866/2006 and E-009811/2011. The Commission has also been advised of an extensive ruling by the Ombudsman for Andalusia, in which, owing to its environmental riches and the risks associated with its tendency to flood, the Ombudsman found against installing a ZAL on the plains of the River Palmones. Complaint: OLAF OF72006/0710 for the use of funds and potential assistance paid out for foreseeable damages caused by flooding. Petition 0760/2006 and Ombudsman Complaint 3451/2006. All filed. Floods causing damage worth millions are now hitting the area, even though the Palmones Marshes have been listed as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC ES612006) since 2014.

1. Is the Commission aware of the damage continually caused by those investing in the Algeciras port facilities without complying with European directives and without listening to the complaints made by citizens over the years?
2. Having been warned by citizens of the possible damages being caused by its own use of EU funding, what measures will the Commission take to ensure that it is not the citizens who are made to pay once again for further damages caused by a lack of foresight in the area?