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Subject: New EIA provisions and authorisation of 'strategic infrastructure projects' in Italy

On 16 June 2017, Legislative Decree 104/2017 was adopted for implementation in Italy of Directive 2014/52/EU. Having been published in the Official Gazette, this decree will come into force on the 21 July 2017¹.

According to an alliance of the most important Italian environmental NGOs, the decree will not bring Italian law into line with the new EU environmental impact assessment (EIA) provisions and, far from achieving the desired objectives, that is to say significantly improving EIA procedures and making them more transparent by ensuring that the public are better informed and thereby encouraged to make their views known², will actually have the opposite effect.

In particular, the NGOs referred to above believe that the new EIA procedure in Italy may well turn out to be more opaque, imprecise and flawed because it is modelled on the so-called 'Objective Law' (L.433/2001) on the implementation of large-scale strategic infrastructure projects, which is characterised by hasty and oversimplified procedures and which, in the space of 15 years, has deprived the state of significant volumes of revenue, harmed the environment and had an adverse impact on many communities³.

In the light of the above, and following publication in the Official Gazette of the legislative decree transposing Directive 2014/52/EU, does the Commission regard the Objective Law as compatible with the new European EIA provisions?

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http://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/atto/serie_generale/caricaDettaglioAtto/originario?atto.dataPubblicazioneGazzetta=2017-07-06&atto.codiceRedazionale=17G00117&elenco30giorni=true

² <http://www.greenreport.it/news/urbanistica-e-territorio/valutazione-impatto-ambientale-le-associazioni-ambientaliste-modello-opaco-della-legge-obiettivo/>

³ http://www.fondoambiente.it/newsletter/VIA_lettera%20Galletti.pdf