Question for written answer E-006585/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Business promotion incompatible with Directive 2014/52/EU

The Galician government recently used an urgent procedure to approve the 'Law to promote the implementation of business initiatives' in the face of fierce social opposition.

Given the content of the new law and the procedure used to approve it, there appears to be sufficient evidence to infer that the text does not comply with the provisions of Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment. This particularly concerns aspects linked to the quality of environmental impact assessments, the objectivity of the competent authorities, public consultation procedures and, most strikingly, the timeframes for the public to consult the relevant documents, which in some cases have been reduced from more than 30 days as stipulated by the directive to only 20 days.

Will the Commission ask the Spanish state for the relevant information in order to ascertain whether this law on action to facilitate business activity is in line with the correct transposition of Directive 2014/52/EU?