

**Question for written answer E-007740/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Mining project

Since the publication last summer of plans to reopen a copper mine in the Galician municipalities of Touro and O Pino, there has been growing concern at the serious environmental impact this mine could have on ecologically valuable areas such as the Ulla-Deza river system (Natura network area) and the Ría de Arousa (Ons-O Grove complex, Natura network), as well as its economic impact on shellfish farming in the Ría de Arousa.

The Galician Natural History Society has presented a devastating report on the mining project, restoration plan and environmental impact study submitted by the project's promoter, criticising the lack of information regarding the concentration of potentially hazardous metals and metalloids, and the sludge reservoirs and chemical compounds that would be produced.

1. Is the Commission aware of the Galician regional government's mining plans?
2. Has it examined this project's compatibility with European nature protection legislation?
3. Has it looked into the case of this copper mine, or does it intend to do so?