

Question for written answer E-002419/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Misleading announcement by the Bay of Algeciras Port Authority (Cádiz, Andalusia) under Directive 2006/114/EC

Plans are being made for new building work in the Bay of Algeciras that would definitively ruin an already seriously damaged natural environment. The initial stage of a study into the environmental impact of an infrastructure plan is currently under way and has put forward five options for the works. However, the Bay of Algeciras Port Authority (APBA) has stated on its website that the southernmost option will be chosen. Many organisations have, to no avail, asked the President of the APBA to take down this information, which they see as a declaration of fait accompli vis-à-vis the people of Algeciras and potentially misleading to third parties.

1. What will the Commission do to ensure there are no attempts to influence the environmental impact assessment and that it is a truly legitimate exercise of public participation in defence of the natural environment?
2. What is the purpose of involving the public if the authorities decide beforehand that their preferred option is acceptable and announce it as such?
3. What does the Commission intend to do about this clearly misleading announcement on the APBA's official website?