

**Question for written answer E-004056/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Irregularities in the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedure in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region (Italy)

The local authorities in San Vito al Tagliamento (PN) have submitted a detailed plan entitled 'Lottizzazione Toneai', which will involve urban development on a karst spring area with a delicately balanced hydrological system owing to rainwater drainage and catchment problems.

The plan does not have the backing of a full and proper SEA screening process, as provided for by Directive 2001/42/EC and Legislative Decree No 152/2006, especially in regard to how serious an impact it will have and the fact that no stipulations making its implementation compatible with environmental protection and sustainability objectives have been included, nor any information on how it will be monitored. Objections to the plan have been raised and a public petition submitted.

The mayor has requested additional documentation from the company awarding contracts for this work, and asked the environmental authority for a second opinion amending the earlier one that suggested subjecting the plan to a complete SEA procedure, contrary to the Region's recommendations<sup>1</sup>.

In light of the above, does the Commission believe that Directive 2001/42/EC has been correctly taken into consideration and applied in determining whether the plan should be subjected to an SEA?

Does it, in addition, believe that the failure to comply with Directive 2001/42/EC might invalidate the decision excluding the plan from SEA screening and the future decision to approve the plan?

What steps will it take to ensure EU law is properly enforced?

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<sup>1</sup> The recommendations of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region state that: '(...) Screening does not provide for an additional documentary search stage. However, if, in the instruction phase, the competent authority recognises that implementation of the plan/programme may produce a significant impact and the preliminary report does not furnish sufficient information to exclude this impact, then in keeping with the precautionary principle an SEA is required'. Source: <http://www.regione.fvg.it/rafvfg/cms/RAFVG/ambiente-territorio/pianificazione-gestione-territorio/FOGLIA11/FOGLIA209/>