

**Question for written answer E-004830/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Biogas plant and Natura 2000 sites

Lazio Regional Authority is currently carrying out an environmental impact assessment for infrastructure<sup>1</sup> on a treatment plant for organic waste from agro-industrial production and from separate collection of municipal waste. The plant would treat 130 000 tonnes per annum, produce biogas and compost, and be located in Ponzano Romano<sup>2</sup>, which is close and extremely close, respectively, to Natura 2000 areas IT6030012 and IT6030014.

If the plant were to receive authorisation, it would cause a massive increase in heavy vehicle traffic, substantial water abstraction immediately above two protected areas (the company which has submitted the project has calculated that 9 224 m<sup>3</sup>/annum would be needed) and the production of 5 537 m<sup>3</sup>/annum of percolate and process water.

The site is so close to the Natura 2000 areas as to suggest that its construction and/or operation could have a significant impact on protected natural values, but no project implications assessment has been launched.

The Environmental Impact Assessment, which can be consulted <sup>3</sup> (see inside the 'VIA' folder), does not rule out the possibility that areas IT6030012 and IT6030014 would be affected: it confines itself to saying that the plant would not be located in the Natura 2000 areas.

1. Does the Commission consider this sufficient to guarantee that protected areas will not be affected?
2. If not, what measures will it take?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://bit.ly/2MZXg2b>

<sup>2</sup> Exact location on Google maps: <https://bit.ly/2PLnt6n>

<sup>3</sup> <https://bit.ly/2Q2OC4M>