Question for written answer E-005368/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Vast poultry farm in Mira municipality

The Portuguese company Lusiaves, a market leader in poultry production, intends to invest more than EUR 10 million in the Mira municipality by building a vast intensive poultry farm capable of producing 16 million chickens a year. This farm will have the capacity for 2.3 million chicks, occupy 200 hectares and include a compound feed factory.

The licensing procedure for the farm, which is expected to create more than 300 jobs, must take account of National Ecological Reserve (REN) and National Agricultural Reserve (RAN) requirements and the outcome of the environmental impact assessment which must be carried out as the farm will be in a dune area and a pine forest of major environmental significance.

Has Lusiaves requested EU support for this project? If so, how much and has it met all the environmental requirements?