

**Question for written answer E-002026/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Bioliquid combustion plants for electricity production in the Municipality of Xiromero, Western Greece

The Decentralised Administration of the Peloponnese, Western Greece and the Ionian Islands has granted licences for three bioliquid combustion plants to produce electricity in the village of Fyteies, in the Municipality of Xiromero, Western Greece, a region with a rich biodiversity which sits on the edge of the Valanidias Skourtou-Palaiomaninas forest.

However, as residents are engaged mainly in agriculture and livestock farming, the project does not serve any local needs or create new jobs. Moreover, there is no link to local agricultural production, since the electricity will not be produced from agricultural residues but from frying oils of unknown origin.

As was only to be expected, residents have objected to the project and have demanded that it be stopped immediately.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of any public consultation having been carried out, in accordance with the Aarhus Convention, before the decision was taken to authorise the three combustion plants?
2. Is this particular project co-funded by the EU in the context of a development law or some other programme?