

**Question for written answer P-000360/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
Salvatore Caronna (S&D)**

Subject: Alleged infringement of Directives 92/43/EEC (Habitats) and 79/409/EEC (Birds) and other Community legislation by the municipality of Valdobbiadene (Treviso), Italy

In 2008, the municipality of Valdobbiadene (Treviso) authorised, in the Pianezze area, the construction of a radio antenna which, essentially, is a system made up of a huge 60-metre high tower (the basic structure) and its associated antennas, which amplify its size and volume.

The tower, due to its configuration and visual impact, is incompatible with the place in which it is located.

The municipality of Valdobbiadene is in an area with a particularly beautiful landscape and is renowned for the beauty of its hilly areas which produce high-quality wine and are a major tourist attraction of substantial environmental value.

This structure was built despite the adverse opinion of the Cultural Heritage and Environment Department (*Soprintendenza*) and despite the fact that the latter ordered the work to be suspended – an order which was never complied with.

The whole area north of Valdobbiadene has been identified as an area of absolute incompatibility with major new industrial areas, since part of it is included within the perimeter of Sites of Community Interest (SCIs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

Furthermore, the preliminary stage of the EIA, which is supposed to assess the impact of the project, was carried out without any verification or technical examination of the main effects the project could have on the environment, the cultural heritage and the landscape.

The local health authorities also completely failed to look into and monitor the magnetic impact the radio antenna would have on surrounding houses.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say what action it intends to take to prevent one of the most evocative places in the Italian cultural and environmental landscape from being ruined, supposedly in breach of EU environmental laws and health and safety standards with regard to radiation emitted by TV and radio installations?