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Subject: Tempa Rossa project

In Italy there is currently discussion of the legislative framework that will allow the exploitation of the Tempa Rossa oilfield, which is located in Basilicata but also affects the Apulia region and in particular the city of Taranto.

The Commission is already working on this case owing to the problems highlighted in Petition 1107/2011, which relates to Decision C194/05 of the Italian Court of Justice, the evident lack of conformity with Directives 2008/56/EC and 2012/18/EU, and the fact that the project is not aligned with current EU policies on renewable energies, the use of alternative fuels and the promotion of clean energy sources.

Furthermore, there are strong concerns that this project has the potential to contaminate surrounding water sources and the mussel crops in Taranto Bay.

Accordingly, can the Commission explain:

1. what action it intends to take to stop this and all similar projects, so as to promote energy strategies conducive to the use of renewable sources and alternative sustainable fuels?
2. how it intends to monitor the plant's activities so as to safeguard water sources, marine ecosystems and public health?