

**Question for written answer P-001365/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Protection of historical and cultural heritage in the Cabanyal neighbourhood

The Commission has already answered written question P-009029/2014 on this matter. The Cabanyal in Valencia is a historic 19th century neighbourhood which was declared a site of cultural interest in 1993. It is not just an extremely valuable historical area, but also one whose fabric enables types of social interaction unique to Valencia and hence to Europe.

Valencia City Council has presented a modified version of the PEPRI (special plan for protection and renewal) which utterly fails to take into account the conservation of the cultural and historical heritage of this neighbourhood, which is one of the city's most iconic.

In 2013, the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra was awarded to Cabanyal Archivo Vivo, thereby acknowledging Cabanyal's value to the EU in heritage terms.

In view of the above, can the Commission state:

1. What it plans to do in the case of Cabanyal to contribute to the 'flowering' and 'conservation and safeguarding' of heritage, as set out in Article 167(1) and (2) TFEU, in line with its capacities?
2. Whether it will propose that the Council adopt a recommendation within the meaning of Article 167(5) TFEU to promote the safeguarding of that heritage?
3. Whether it is considering taking steps to protect a neighbourhood which it has qualified, through the award of the Europa Nostra Prize, as being a cultural heritage site of great value to the EU?