

**Question for written answer P-003650/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Authorisation of the Narewowska Road upgrade in Białowieża Forest

Only two months after the European Court of Justice confirmed that the mass logging in the Białowieża Forest had been illegal, the State Forests Holding, i.e. the same body that was behind the illegal logging, is planning to asphalt the so-called Narewowska Road, which cuts through environmentally valuable sections of the forest.

As the Polish administration refused to heed calls from civil society, a complaint¹ was filed with the Commission regarding the Polish administration's failure to comply with EU legislation in connection with the authorisation of the road upgrade without an adequate environmental impact assessment (EIA) or an adequate assessment on the conservation targets of a Natura 2000 site.

Despite the lodging of this complaint, works are still scheduled to start on 1 July 2018. Is the Polish Government acting against EU law if it does not suspend works until a decision has been taken by the Commission?

What steps will the Commission take to ensure an appropriate EIA will be conducted?

Does the Commission consider the authorisation of the road upgrade as incompliant with EU legislation, and will it therefore consider an infringement procedure?

¹ CHAP(2018)1992