

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3406/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Installation and operation of mobile telephone antennae in Chortiatis

Over the last few years it has been noted that in Chortiatis in Thessaloniki and many other regions of Greece mobile telephone antennae have been set up and are operating very close to residential areas and even in close proximity to school buildings and hospitals.

Bearing in mind all the charges made concerning this specific question and the Greek Ombudsman's report on this matter, will the Commission say:

1. What action does it intend to take in response to the above complaints by citizens demanding that preventive measures be taken to limit the threat of exposure to electromagnetic radiation, particularly in view of the advent of third-generation mobile telephony, so as to ensure compliance with the precautionary principle which covers protection not only of the environment, but also of human health?
2. To what extent are the above installations in breach of Article 6 TEU on environmental legislation?
3. What does it intend to do to protect public health if antennae are located less than 300 metres from residential areas?
4. What measures does it intend to take against those responsible for locating antennae in areas where they pose a public health threat, so as to prevent any violation of the precautionary principle and Council recommendation 1999/519/EC¹?
5. What does it intend to do about authorisations to locate mobile telephone antennae which fail to meet legal requirements and pose a public health risk?

¹ OJ L 199, 30.7.1999, p. 59.