

**Question for written answer E-006437/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: European environment centre in Rizokarpaso

At the entrance to the nature conservation area on the Karpass Peninsula in the occupied part of Cyprus, which is protected under the Natura 2000 programme, the occupying authorities have set up a barrier and a guard house and are charging people a fee to drive through the area. This nature conservation project was co-financed by the EU. A second control point has already been set up on the south coast of the peninsula, near Agios Filon, likewise in preparation for charging a transit fee.

Is the Commission aware of the facts outlined above?

What view does it take of this attempt to generate revenue from the use of areas protected under the Natura 2000 programme?

What measures does it plan to take to prevent similar practices being employed in connection with nature conservation areas and other nature protection projects which may be established or carried out in the occupied parts of Cyprus in the future?