

**Question for written answer E-007128/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Construction of the MUOS (Mobile User Objective System)

The construction of the MUOS (Mobile User Objective System), the new US military satellite telecommunications system to be located 2 km from Niscemi (Caltanissetta, Sicily), is the subject of numerous protests because of its possible adverse health impact. This is because the system would transmit high-power signals at a wide frequency range covering around 130 km.

Given that:

- in Niscemi there is already a high mortality rate from cancer, most likely due to the presence of 41 US antennas which, since 1991, have been transmitting at levels that have exceeded the alarm threshold;
 - the base on which the MUOS is to be built is in the 'La Sughereta' nature reserve in the district of Ulmo, a Site of Community Importance (SCI);
1. Does the Commission not agree that information should be gathered to assess whether Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora is being breached?
 2. Does the Commission not agree that it should assess whether all checks have been carried out in relation to the impact of such an electromagnetic system on the health of the population and of workers, in accordance with Directive 2000/40/EC?