

**Question for written answer E-004310/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Festival in Karpasia

The Karpasian peninsula is one of the Mediterranean's environmental treasures. The 'Golden Beach' is a protected area, forming part of the Natura 2000 European network.

On 26 September 2013, a three-day music festival is planned at the beach, with an audience of over 80 000 people expected.

The pseudo-state's so-called 'Ministry of Culture' has given its approval for the festival to go ahead, and is attempting to promote it as the biggest music festival in the Mediterranean, ignoring any possible ecological destruction to the region.

I would like to emphasise that if the festival goes ahead at 'Golden Beach', it will have catastrophic consequences for the environment. As a result, it is imperative that action be taken immediately by all sides, with a view to cancelling the three-day festival and protecting the region.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- Whether it is aware that this festival is going ahead?
- Does it share the view that there is a major environmental risk to the area?
- What measures is the Commission intending to take to avoid the festival being staged?