

**Question for written answer E-010797/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Subsidiarity at stake!/Maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management

In March 2013 the European Commission proposed a Framework Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management. The Commission is of the view that the EU should be playing a leading role in strengthening marine and maritime research and innovation and promoting growth in maritime sectors. The national parliaments in many Member States have declared the draft bill out of keeping with the principle of subsidiarity. The Commission, however, appears to be ignoring the objections raised.

1. Is the Commission aware of the subsidiarity objections raised on behalf of the parliaments of Poland, Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Romania, Belgium, Finland, Lithuania and the Netherlands?¹
2. What is the Commission's reaction to this large number of subsidiarity objections raised and the arguments put forward therein?
3. Does the Commission agree with the Dutch Party for Freedom (PVV) that the way in which all these objections are being ignored is giving rise to the impression that the question marks raised by various national parliaments with regard to the proposed legislation are not being taken seriously? If not, why not?
4. Spatial planning is the responsibility of the Member States. Can the Commission explain its motives for pushing through with the proposed legislation at all costs?
5. Is the Commission prepared to withdraw the proposed legislation with immediate effect, because it runs counter to the Treaty on European Union? If not, why not?

¹ http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/juri/cm/935/935106/935106nl.pdf
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