

**Question for written answer E-001594/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Environmental impact assessment procedure for the Roşia Montană cyanide mine project

In its answer to Petition 0344/2006 on alleged irregularities in the completion of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the Roşia Montană project, the Commission states that the Directive on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (the EIA Directive) is not applicable to the Roşia Montană gold mine project, as the request for development consent was submitted before Romania's accession to the EU.

Furthermore, in the same document the Commission also suggests that the EIA Directive will be applicable to any new requests for development consent which are registered after Romania's accession to the EU in respect of the same project or components of the project that were not initially included.

According to my information, in 2010 (after Romania's accession to the EU) the EIA procedure for the Roşia Montană project was restarted because a court ruling had annulled the previous urban development certificate.

1. In light of the above legal background, and bearing in mind the restarted EIA procedure on the basis of a new urban development certificate filed by the Roşia Montană Gold Corporation, is the EIA Directive applicable to the current ongoing EIA procedure for the Roşia Montană gold mine project?
2. If not, why not?
3. Does Commission have any information on the state of play as regards the ongoing EIA procedure, in particular the expected date of the final decision?