

**Question for written answer E-005051/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Question concerning the immediate suspension of work on the construction of wind turbines and electrical interconnection in Monemvasia and Laconia

The unregulated proliferation of wind turbines, promoted by the electrical interconnection with Crete through the construction of a network of high-voltage pylons, is rapidly transforming the Municipality of Monemvasia, and the Prefecture of Laconia as a whole, into an endless wind farm, the result of the policies of the SYRIZA - ANEL coalition government and of its predecessors, as well as of the EU strategy for the liberalisation, privatisation and commercialisation of energy, the promotion of the so-called RES to ensure the profits of the monopoly groups of the sector. The works are being executed in residential areas of particular natural beauty and historical significance and are having a catastrophic impact on the environment and on the health and lives of the inhabitants of the area.

The Prefecture has authorised one thousand and fifty-two (1 052) MW of RES in the Prefecture, of which 680 MW concern wind farms and 349 MW concern photovoltaic systems. Just in the case of nine of the 35 wind farms, monopoly groups have received grants that amount to EUR 69 686 078, while households find it impossible to keep up with the exorbitant charges.

Can the Commission say how it views the requests for:

- 1) The immediate suspension of the works on the wind farms, the re-examination of all grants and the drafting of an overall environmental impact assessment?
- 2) The abolition of RES duties and the immediate reduction of invoices for electricity for residential and agricultural use by 50 %?
- 3) The immediate placement underground of the network that connects the wind farms to PPC substations?