

**Question for written answer E-006181/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Protection of Pikrodafni stream

The decision to concrete over Pikrodafni stream has triggered opposition among the residents and organisations of Attica. They point out that this is turning the stream into a sewage pipe, with disastrous consequences for its wildlife.

They claim that the environmental impact assessment (EIA) infringed the following items of legislation:

Directive 2000/60/EC, because the Attica water district river basin management plan was ignored. The plan classifies the stream as a valuable wetland area, home to a large variety of aquatic organisms that need to be protected from manmade pressures;

Directive 2007/60/EC, because the above-mentioned plan stipulates that in a 50-year recurrence interval the stream does not flood and, under the law, a 50-year recurrence interval is used for calculations involving streams; the work is therefore unnecessary;

Directive 2009/147/EC, because the following species are found in Pikrodafni: *Egretta garzetta*, *Ixobrychus minutus*, *Nycticorax nycticorax*, *Ardeola ralloides*, *Ardea purpurea*, *Plegadis falcinellus*, *Alcedo atthis*, *Falco peregrinus*, *Porzana parva*, *Vanellus-Hoplopterus spinosus*, *Tringa glareola*, *Ficedula albicollis*;

Directive 92/43/EEC and the Bern Convention, because the existence of the *Mauremys caspica rivulata* turtle and the *Anguilla anguilla* eel, both threatened species on the IUCN red list, has been ignored;

the Aarhus Convention, because the result of the public consultation has been ignored.

In view of this, can the Commission say:

1. What does it plan to do in relation to the above complaints?
2. What measures does it plan to take to protect the Pikrodafni stream?