

**Question for written answer E-001512/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: New port terminal at the San Simón inlet

The Port of Vigo is seeking to convert a number of obsolete port facilities into a new port terminal, work that will involve infilling on a substantial scale.

The intention is to carry out this project at the San Simón inlet (Ensenada de San Simón), which, as well as being a maritime area belonging to the Natura 2000 network and lying in an estuary – making it a particularly sensitive site – is home to traditional maritime occupations, with more than 1 500 jobs in artisanal fishing, shellfish gathering, and mussel raft culture.

The Port of Vigo has been deprived of the key planning tool on which the designation of port spaces and uses is based, this document, the DEUP, having been declared void on 4 December 2017 by the National High Court. Another point to bear in mind is that the rate of use for some of the Vigo quays is less than 50%, and it therefore follows that the traffic to be shifted to the San Simón inlet could be handled in Vigo itself.

- 1) Does the Commission consider that the expansion of facilities being sought by the Port of Vigo is a sound objective?
- 2) Is it possible for the site of a new port terminal project to be located in the middle of the Natura 2000 network?