

**Question for written answer E-001694/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Complaints about lack of consultation during the construction of a power plant on the island of Chios

A short distance from the seaside tourist village of Langada on the island of Chios, work has suddenly begun without prior notification or consultation with local inhabitants on the construction of an oil-fired power plant.

It has emerged that the permit was granted by the Decentralised Administration of the Aegean, even though adverse opinions had been issued by special environmental services of the Municipality of Chios and the Northern Aegean Region.

As was only to be expected, residents have objected to this project, demanding an immediate stop to it.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. What provisions does the law make on the need for public consultation?
2. Is this particular project co-funded by the EU in the context of a development law or some other programme?
3. It is acknowledged that the municipality's services lack the logistical infrastructure and know-how to control pollutant emissions and carry out environmental controls. Does this provide grounds for challenging the authorisation granted by the Licensing Authority?