

**Question for written answer E-002827/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Installation of a wind farm in the O Iribio mountain range (Lugo - Galicia), a Natura Network zone.

The installation of a wind farm in the O Iribio mountain range, a Special Area of Conservation (SAC Ancares-Courel), forming part of the Natura 2000 network, and a Special Protection Zone for Natural Heritage (ZEPVN), will have a very negative impact on an area of important natural and cultural value, as well as an impact on certain species, such as the brown bear.

The Autonomous Government of Galicia is failing to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Natura 2000 Network Master Plan in Galicia, which prohibits the installation of new wind farms in protected areas, since the project implies substantial changes requiring a fresh assessment of the environmental impact of the entire wind energy project, given that it would affect Natura Network sites other than the original ones, and since the project is being dealt with separately to avoid a new environmental assessment of the wind farm, which, under the Natura Network's Master Plan, would not be viable.

Is the Commission aware of this project?