

**Question for written answer E-003531/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Extension of the Port of Valencia without a strategic environmental assessment

With a view to ensuring compliance with Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU, and Directive 2001/42/EC of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, we should like to bring it to the Commission's attention that the Board of Valencia's Port Authority, a Spanish state body, has awarded a contract for the northern extension of the Port of Valencia<sup>1</sup>. It is a project in respect of which there is no strategic environmental assessment, despite the fact that it involves highly polluting emissions, seabed mining<sup>2</sup>, new road infrastructure<sup>3</sup> and coastline alteration, which is damaging the Albufera Natural Park<sup>4</sup>. Account should also be taken of the fact that the environmental impact statement dates back to 2007<sup>5</sup>, when the project was very different and much smaller<sup>6</sup> than it is now, in terms of the scale and conditions of the works themselves and of the planned port activities<sup>7</sup>. The detailed plans for the extension are not available for consultation by local and civic institutions, in breach of Directive 2003/4/EC on public access to environmental information<sup>8</sup>.

How is the Commission intending to ensure that EU environmental legislation is adhered to in this case?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.valenciaport.com/wp-content/uploads/P06-3\\_Pliego-Bases-TC\\_Ampliac.Norte\\_.pdf.esig\\_.pdf](https://www.valenciaport.com/wp-content/uploads/P06-3_Pliego-Bases-TC_Ampliac.Norte_.pdf.esig_.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.boe.es/diario\\_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2007-15540](https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2007-15540)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.levante-emv.com/economia/2019/07/12/puerto-preve-acceso-norte-sea/1899982.html>

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<sup>4</sup> [https://www.eldiario.es/cv/ampliacion-puerto-Valencia-inminente-Albufera\\_0\\_918308773.html](https://www.eldiario.es/cv/ampliacion-puerto-Valencia-inminente-Albufera_0_918308773.html)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.boe.es/diario\\_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2007-15540](https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2007-15540)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.eldiario.es/cv/Valencia-proyectos-ampliacion-Ribo-solicitarlos\\_0\\_943506483.html](https://www.eldiario.es/cv/Valencia-proyectos-ampliacion-Ribo-solicitarlos_0_943506483.html)

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.valenciaport.com/wp-content/uploads/P06-3\\_Pliego-Bases-TC\\_Ampliac.Norte\\_.pdf.esig\\_.pdf](https://www.valenciaport.com/wp-content/uploads/P06-3_Pliego-Bases-TC_Ampliac.Norte_.pdf.esig_.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.eldiario.es/cv/Valencia-proyectos-ampliacion-Ribo-solicitarlos\\_0\\_943506483.html](https://www.eldiario.es/cv/Valencia-proyectos-ampliacion-Ribo-solicitarlos_0_943506483.html)

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