

**Question for written answer E-002145/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Caparroso's dairy factory farm (Navarra)

Caparroso's dairy factory farm, a cattle farm owned by Valle de Odieta/HTN Biogas in Navarra, has racked up eleven penalty proceedings for breaches of environmental legislation. The owners plan to open another farm with 23 000 cows in Noviercas, the environmental consequences of which would include the discharge of slurry containing nitrates and heavy metals in the vicinity of the farm, which is located in a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The Caparroso farm would be enlarged to house 7 200 cows generating almost 150 000 tonnes of manure per year (equivalent to the faecal waste of 1.8 million people) and more than 215 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

1. Does the Commission plan to investigate whether the activity of the Caparroso dairy factory farm is in breach of the Nitrates Directive and the Directive on the quality of water intended for human consumption? What action will it take to protect the SAC?
2. Does the Valle de Odieta/HTN Biogas company receive, either directly or through its partners, public money under the Common Agricultural Policy or other European funds?
3. Does the Commission consider that this model of highly polluting factory farms, which are resource intensive and not environmentally, healthy and socially sustainable, is compatible with the European Green Deal?