

**Question for written answer E-002792/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Solar power plant next to protected area SCI 9310008 La Petrosa

In the municipality of Castrovillari, near La Petrosa, a private company, Resit Srl., has been building a huge photovoltaic plant project (of around 11 hectares) for a number of years. This will apparently be a grid-connected, ground-mounted electric power plant in three independent sections.

It will, however, be built near Pollino National Park, specifically in special protection area (SPA) and special area of conservation (SAC) No 9310008 – La Petrosa, and risks irretrievably damaging this nature reserve's landscape, natural habitats and the enormous biodiversity.

In view of the above, and considering the protection and conservation objectives relating to the habitats and species provided for in Directive 92/43/EEC, can the Commission say:

1. whether it is aware of this project?
2. whether it believes the project to be in compliance with the 'precautionary principle' set out in Article 191 TFEU?
3. whether it believes the project is in a position to comply with the protection guidelines laid down in Directive 92/43/EEC or should be subject to an appropriate impact assessment pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive?