Question for written answer E-003263/2021 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Port of València extension

The Port of València (the first in the Mediterranean and the fourth in Europe in terms of container volume) plans to double in size – as well as in terms of operations – by 134 acres, and is relying on a 2007 environmental impact statement (EIS) to do so.

The original project attracted considerable opposition, which was acknowledged by the Supreme Court, despite some of the construction work having already been carried out.

In 2020, the municipal authorities adopted remedial measures for the logistical activities zone, which were again subject to judicial review.

One day after the adoption of the Climate Change Law, the Spanish Government delegated the environmental decision to the Port Authority of València (APV).

Ports of the State, a State-owned company responsible for the management of State-owned ports, considered the 2007 EIS valid and endorsed it.

There were so many environmental and social inconsistencies that the environment ministry has acknowledged the noticeable differences between the current project and the project for which the EIS was approved in 2007. The APV is therefore required to provide a detailed report justifying whether or not it will process a new EIS.

- 1. Does the Commission consider a new EIS necessary?
- 2. Is the project in line with the EU climate change strategy?