

**Question for written answer E-003850/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Protection of Natura 2000 sites in Epanomi

Two NATURA 2000 conservation areas are situated along the coast of Epanomi in the Thessaloniki area, that is to say: the 'Epanomi Lagoon' (GR1220011) Special Protection Area and the 'Epanomi Lagoon and Marine Coastal Zone' (GR 1220012) Special Area of Conservation. Individual citizens and organisations are now expressing concern that these habitats are being endangered, by uncontrolled human activity in this area, particularly during the summer months, with flora and fauna being endangered by the numerous 4X4 vehicles entering the areas, motocross competitions on the sand dunes and unauthorised camping.

In view of this:

1. What information does the Commission have regarding conservation measures for the Natura 2000 protected areas in Epanomi and how effective does it consider these measures to be?
2. Is any special programme of funding available to Greece, an EU Member State, and to the local authorities responsible for these natural habitats in order to protect and conserve them more effectively?