

**Question for written answer E-004229/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive

I would like to ask the Commission the following questions regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive:

1. Does the obligation to assess the environmental impact of projects falling within the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (EIA) Directive cover the entire lifetime of a project, including their termination and reclamation phase?
2. If so, is the Commission aware that in Poland the responsible authorities do not systematically require such an assessment from operators? An example of this can be found in the documentation and subsequent EIA decision for the expansion of the Turów brown coal mine in Poland.
3. Given this, what steps will the Commission take?