Question for written answer E-000202/2022 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Nuclear energy taxonomy

The Commission has decided to alter the taxonomy of certain activities in the gas and nuclear energy sectors in a bid to help Member States progress towards climate neutrality from their various points of departure, taking the view that these energy sources can help facilitate transition to a future based chiefly on renewables.

The decision to include nuclear energy in the green taxonomy was made despite objections from a number of technical committee members appointed by the Commission itself.

In view of this:

- What were the Commission's criteria for including nuclear energy, given that it is not renewable, presents enormous waste management problems and, above all, is unsafe?
- In addition, has it adopted any criteria when it comes to selecting the location of nuclear power plants? Is it aware of the enormous concerns regarding the safety of Cyprus, an EU Member State, that are being aroused by Turkey's decision to build a nuclear power plant at Akkuyu, which is located in a seismic fault zone?