

**Question for written answer E-000205/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Italy's sustainable energy transition plan

On 29 September 2021, the Italian Ministry of the Ecological Transition approved the Plan for the Sustainable Energy Transition of Suitable Areas (PiTESAI), which effectively liberalises gas exploration activities in almost the whole of Italy.

On 16 December 2021, the *Conferenza Unificata*, a joint conference of representatives of the central, regional and local authorities, granted its approval for the Plan on condition that the activities covered by the fossil fuel exploration licences were limited to gas and did not include oil.

I have already raised this issue in my previous parliamentary question E-000091/2021.

In its Communication C(2021)1054 of 12.2.2021, the Commission states that measures for the production of electricity and/or heat from fossil fuels, and the related transmission/transport and distribution infrastructure, should not be considered to be compliant with the 'do no significant harm' (DNSH) principle when it comes to reforms and investments under national recovery and resilience plans.

In the light of the above, can the Commission state clearly whether the PiTESAI Plan complies with the DNSH principle and with the EU's climate objectives and international commitments under the Paris Agreement, or whether it has been granted a derogation after formal discussions between those involved?