

**Question for written answer E-001632/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Application of simplified EIA procedures intended for the NRRP to the construction of a military base in Coltano (Pisa)

Italy is planning to build a military base in the area of Coltano (Pisa), with the construction of various buildings, including housing, and a helicopter landing strip.

The site is located next to the protected area of the regional park of Migliarino-San Rossore-Massaciuccoli. The park authority has sent the developer an environmental report exposing the considerable impact the infrastructure would have.

Despite this, a Prime Minister Decree of 14 January 2022¹ declared the project eligible for a simplified environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure pursuant to Article 44 of the 'Simplifications' Decree Law², in accordance with Article 52(1a) thereof.

These simplified measures were intended to apply to works under the national recovery and resilience plan, more specifically to help reach milestone 52 of Mission 1, Component 1. The Commission has already given a positive assessment concerning the meeting of this milestone and paid Italy the relevant sum.

In view of this, does the Commission believe that the application of the simplified EIA procedure to military infrastructure projects, as provided for in the 'Simplifications' Decree Law and as is happening in Coltano, is consistent with the requirements of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation³, in particular the 'do no significant harm' principle.

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² Decree Law No 77 of 21 May 2001, converted into statute by Law No 108 of 29 July 2021

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/241