

**Question for written answer E-002768/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Vermio windfarm

The Vermio windfarm project, involving the unregulated installation of 70 additional turbines that will effectively transform the area into an industrial power plant, has triggered mass protests.

The EU's 'green transition' policy is responsible for the destruction of forests and farmland, even in Natura conservation areas such as Vermio.

This will also have an adverse impact on biodiversity, including endangered species entered on the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), WCMC (World Conservation Monitoring Centre) and European red lists and those protected under Greek Presidential Decree 67/1981.

In the light of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of the projected construction of another windfarm for ostensible environmental protection purposes that will, in fact, have irreversible consequences for a conservation area already blighted by wind turbines, while nothing is being done to restore the sites of already abandoned generators?
2. What view does it take of the ND government invoking Council Directive 92/43/EEC and its inadmissible provision relating to grounds of 'public interest', in a bid to circumvent justified mass protests by local residents and various organisations and thereby push through unconditionally and at any cost this unlawful business plan in Vermio and elsewhere, at the expense of individual citizens and the environment?
3. How does it feel about the fact that the installations will have a significant adverse impact on biodiversity in the Vermio area?