

**Question for written answer E-003215/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission's response to the serious accusations made against Iberdrola

On 8 February 2022, two associations announced that they were lodging a complaint with the Commission against the Saint-Brieuc (Côtes-d'Armor) wind farm project, which had been awarded to Iberdrola – the world's leading wind power company – via its subsidiary Ailes Marines. Several infringements of EU law have been reported, including marine pollution and damage to the ecosystem¹.

On 29 March, the NGO Splann published an investigation into 'several green energy projects' carried out by Iberdrola in Mexico and Brazil. Yet again, serious accusations are made against the multinational: 'annihilation of migratory birds', 'loss of biodiversity, water pollution', 'problems of food and access to drinking water for indigenous populations' and 'human rights violations'². On 25 January, the CEO of Iberdrola was one of the signatories of a letter drafted at the instigation of Pascal Canfin, President of the ENVI Commission, stating that 'there is an urgent need to make part of operational managers' bonuses conditional on the achievement of the environmental and sustainability objectives that their company has set itself'³.

1. Does the Commission intend to verify the truth of the allegations against Iberdrola?
2. If they are substantiated, what are the possible repercussions?

¹ <https://www.ouest-france.fr/bretagne/saint-brieuc-22000/parc-eolien-en-baie-de-saint-brieuc/parc-eolien-en-baie-de-saint-brieuc-sea-shepherd-depose-plainte-devant-la-commission-europeenne-9fe94a5a-8900-11ec-9047-afce31b42485>

² <https://splann.org/>

³ <https://www.lesechos.fr/finance-marches/marches-financiers/vingt-grands-patrons-appellent-a-verdir-les-bonus-des-dirigeants-europeens-1381893>