

**Question for written answer E-003223/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Planned sport citadel in Tessera (Venice)

On 22 March 2022, the Metropolitan City of Venice approved a project to build a 'sport citadel' in Tessera (Venice). The project is being financed using EUR 93 million in EU funds under 'Mission 5' (regeneration of derelict areas) of the national recovery and resilience plan (NRRP). However, it goes against the requirements of the NRRP as, in violation of Articles 18 and 19 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/241, it is to be constructed on 40 ha of unspoilt natural land encompassing spring creeks, significant flora and fauna, and well-frequented green corridors. No assessment of compliance with the 'do no significant harm' principle has been performed. The area is home to protected species and borders special area of conservation IT3250031 'Upper Lagoon of Venice' and special protection area IT3250046 'Lagoon of Venice', which are protected by the Habitats and Birds Directives respectively.

There are also plans to build new roads, including a 24 m-wide Tessera-Airport bypass, which will impinge on UNESCO site C394 ('Venice and its Lagoon'), contrary to Recommendation No 10 of World Heritage Centre Decision 44 CON.7B.50.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is the project consistent with Regulation (EU) No 2021/241 and Regulation (EU) No 2020/852?
2. Does it consider the project to be compatible with the natural environments protected by Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC?