

**Question for written answer E-003683/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Need for consultation prior to the drafting of the environmental impact statement for plans and programmes related to building work at Puertito de Adeje

A number of building projects are in progress in Tenerife (Canary Islands). These include 'SO 6 Puertito de Adeje', and work on the connecting road between 'SO 9 Barranco de Las Torres' and the Playa Paraíso AU-4 area, which crosses a protected stretch of rural land (SRPT 1) and the 'SO 6 Puertito de Adeje' sector.

This building work is having an impact on the Natura 2000 network. However, the Commission has not yet received information on the compensatory measures adopted to preserve Natura 2000 in relation to the plans, programmes and projects concerned. Nor has there been any information about a consultation prior to the adoption thereof.

When a site is included in Natura 2000, it means there is an ecological value that needs to be protected in line with Article 2 of the Habitats Directive. The authorities therefore need to put preservation and restoration measures in place in accordance with Chapter III of Spanish Law 42/2007, which classifies such sites as 'protected'. Article 46 establishes various protection measures for the sites.

A consultation needs to take place before an environmental impact statement on specific plans and programmes is drafted. Have the Spanish authorities submitted a request for prior consultation?

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