Question for written answer E-004129/2022 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Construction of Tuscany's Carabinieri First Parachute Regiment Special Intervention

Group and Dog Unit headquarters in a protected natural area in Coltano, Pisa

On 14 January, the Italian Government adopted a decree that designates the construction of headquarters for Tuscany's Carabinieri First Parachute Regiment Special Intervention Group and Dog Unit in Coltano, Pisa, as a 'project intended for national defence purposes'. This decree also states that procedural simplification measures provided under Article 44 of Decree No 77 of 31 May 2021 shall be applied.

The intended location for the base, which will cover 729 340 square metres and will involve 445 189.5 cubic metres of new urban construction, is Migliarino, San Rossore, Massaciuccoli, a regional park that has been declared a protected natural area. It is at risk of dangerous flooding and is subject to environmental constraints under Ministerial Decree GU No 185 of 17 July 1985.

- Do the aforementioned simplifying procedures violate EU rules? In particular, do they violate Italy's national recovery and resilience plan (adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/241), Italy's national plan for complementary investments (adopted under Decree No 59 of 6 May 2021), and Italy's 2030 integrated national plan for energy and climate (adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1999)?
- 2. Is the use of European funds for the construction of a military base compatible with European legislation?

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