Question for written answer E-001437/2023/rev.1 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Breach of EU law and mismanagement of the Natura 2000 network in Galicia

The Galician and Spanish governments are not ensuring compliance with the provisions of the master plan for the Natura 2000 network in Galicia, which is heavily affected by the installation of new large-scale wind farms in areas that should be protected and included in the Natura network. What is more, the Commission is pursuing a horizontal infringement procedure against the Spanish Government (ref. 2015/2003) for failing to implement Directive 92/43/EEC (the 'Habitats Directive') and for mismanaging the Natura network in Galicia and other regions.

In view of the above:

- 1. Does the Commission consider that the master plan for the Natura 2000 network in Galicia and its zoning measures currently meet the conservation objectives relating to habitat types and species of Community interest as laid down in the Habitats Directive?
- 2. Has the Commission information about what steps the Galician Government has taken to comply with the conservation requirements for these unique areas?
- 3. What is the current status of the infringement procedure and how is the Commission monitoring this process?

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