

**Question for written answer E-001494/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Framework to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy

The Commission has proposed an emergency regulation aimed at accelerating the permit-granting process for renewable energy sources¹. The proposed regulation aims to reduce administrative burdens and shorten the time needed to obtain permits and approvals for renewable energy projects. The regulation would set a deadline of six months for Member States to issue permits for renewable energy projects.

However, the proposal risks bypassing important environmental safeguards and democratic checks, leading to legal uncertainty and possible triggering of litigation at the local level.

1. How does the Commission assess and deal with the risks that accelerating the permit-granting process may lead to, such as non-compliance with legal safeguards, improper permits and lengthy legal problems?
2. The proposal renders any killing of species protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives lawful as long as undefined 'appropriate mitigation measures' are adopted. What assessments has the Commission conducted prior to the proposal about negative potential effects on species?
3. The proposal could undermine public trust in and support for renewable energy projects, and there is a danger that the proposal does not reflect the needs and interests of local communities. What will the Commission do to prevent this from happening?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52022PC0591>.