

**Question for written answer E-001576/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Authorisation for intrusive works on the island of Levanzo (SAC ITA010003 site) and breach of the Habitats Directive due to failure to carry out an environmental impact assessment

In May 2023, a metal structure for a summer solarium was erected on the island of Levanzo, part of the Egadi archipelago (SPAMI and SCA ITA010024) covering an area of 810 m².

This structure, attached directly to the reef, seriously detracts from the landscape, environment and aesthetic appearance of the island of Levanzo, which has been identified as an SAC (ITA010003), an SPA (ITA 010027 Egadi archipelago – marine and terrestrial area) and IBA (IT157 'Egadi islands').

Notwithstanding the safeguards provided for by EU legislation imposing strict limits on modifications detracting from the local landscape, the necessary authorisations for the structure in question have been issued by the Sicily regional maritime authority, the municipality of Favignana and the Trapani cultural heritage inspectorate.

However, closer scrutiny of the relevant documentation reveals a failure to carry out the screening procedure for the environmental impact assessment under the Habitats Directive for Sites of Community Importance (SCIs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether failure to carry out an environmental impact assessment (EIA) constitutes an infringement of the above directive?
2. Does it intend to contact the Sicilian authorities with a view to verifying the authorisation procedure and updating the conservation status of the site (Article 17 of the Habitats Directive)?

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