Question for written answer E-001652/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Failure to review the environmental impact assessment and environmental implications assessment in the construction of the Perugia 'Nodino' bypass

On 22 February 2023, ANAS S.p.A. (the Italian national highways operator) submitted the final plans for the construction of a bypass on the E45 highway in the Umbria Region. This alternative route will connect Madonna del Piano and Collestrada, bypassing the Collestrada-Ponte San Giovanni section and addressing road traffic congestion on that stretch.

However, it is very clear from ANAS's own estimates that this project, if implemented, would not, in any case, significantly reduce either heavy or light vehicle traffic.

It is also crucial to point out these plans and the accompanying environmental impact assessment are the second iteration of a project which had previously been granted preliminary approval by the Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning under Decision No 156 of 22 December 2006, when the construction site was classified as a Site of Community Importance under the relevant European legislation. It is only since then that it has been upgraded to the status of Special Area of Conservation (SAC) by virtue of the Interministerial Decree of 7 August 2014.

The applicable regulatory framework has changed significantly from 2006 to the present day, and neither the environmental impact assessment nor the environmental implications assessment have been reviewed.

In view of the above, can the Commission say what measures it intends to take to ensure compliance with the conservation measures laid down in the applicable regulations?

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