

**Question for written answer E-002412/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Environmental risks from the construction of a cable car in Trieste using funds from the Recover and Resilience Facility

The Municipality of Trieste is planning to use funds from the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) to build a 4.2 km cable car between the city's Porto Vecchio and the Karst Plateau. This would mean clearing more than four hectares of forest within a Natura 2000 site known for its rich biodiversity and endangered animal species. In this respect, the environmental assessment agency of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region has stated that the project would affect as many as six habitats, which are home to 55 bird species, three of which are at risk of extinction (under the corresponding Annex).

In view of the assessment of the relevant regional agency and the fact that the cable car is being built with NRRP funding, I would ask the Commission the following:

1. Does it intend to look into the project's environmental impact?
2. Is the proposed project eligible for NRRP funds, given its effect on biodiversity?

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