

**Question for written answer E-002767/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** The LNG tanker at Vado Ligure and the environmental risk for the protected marine area of Bergeggi island

The regional authorities of Liguria are planning to install an LNG tanker, the Golar Tundra, in the Vado Ligure area, just a stone's throw away from the protected marine area of Bergeggi island. This poses a major risk to the surrounding ecosystem and to the biodiversity of the seabed whose coralligenous and pre-coralligenous surface must be protected. The project involves, amongst other things, the creation of a vast underwater gas pipeline system which would significantly deplete the local stock, and have worrying consequences for the tourist industry as well.

In addition to the opposition shown by numerous local associations that have submitted petitions to express their objection to the project, there has been a lack of transparency on the part of the local administration which had already started to redraw the boundaries of the 'Fondali Noli-Bergeggi' special area of conservation overlooking Bergeggi island with a view to increasing the conservation area by 480% – a process it broke off without offering any explanation.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the developments concerning this project?
2. Does it consider the project to be compatible with staple EU law on the protection of the environment and biodiversity, in particular the Biodiversity strategy for 2030, and in line with the objectives of the Commission's draft nature restoration law currently being discussed by the co-legislators?

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