

**Question for written answer E-000273/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Measures to prevent the construction of a fuel storage and distribution facility in the port of Alicante

In 1995, the competent authorities signed an agreement to move petrol tanks belonging to the company CLH out of the city and to avoid any harmful consequences resulting from potential accidents at their new location. This project was carried out using ERDF funds.

Now, it appears that the local authorities and the Generalitat are supporting the construction of a fuel storage and distribution facility with six megatanks on pier 19. The project would entail a future expansion to bring the total fuel capacity up to 700 000 tonnes.

Alicante's port is located between two Natura 2000 protected natural areas, whose legislation would make it impossible to authorise such dangerous and polluting facilities. It is a city port which, despite already housing a bitumen plant and a chemical fertiliser plant, has no authorisation for these industrial activities.

In addition, the project would violate Law 6/2014 on prevention and environmental quality and monitoring, which prohibits tanks of petroleum products with a capacity of more than 5 000 m³ within 1 km of residential areas or educational or healthcare facilities.

How could the Commission help to prevent the company XC Business 90 from proceeding with the project and to stop the port of Alicante from breaching European legislation by relocating the plants located in the 'fase III' area of the Logistics Activity Zone?

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