

**Question for written answer E-000347/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The construction and operation of wind energy projects despite objections from local councillors

Wind farms are being built all across Europe, sometimes even against the wishes of local councillors and the general public. One example of this is the construction and operation of a wind energy project in Varrenes-Changy, which is taking place despite opposition from councillors, residents and the inquiry committee. This ideological shift towards green energy represents another step towards worldwide pollution.

This is a proven fact: many reports have revealed that these wind turbines are made with rare materials extracted from mines in non-EU countries (as is the case for cobalt). By importing these materials, the wind sector is contributing significantly to the destruction of ecosystems abroad, while also acting against the wishes of local councillors.

In light of the above:

1. Can the Commission detail the environmental impact of a wind turbine, from the extraction of its materials right up to its dismantling?
2. Is the Commission aware of cases where wind energy projects are being implemented despite objections from local councillors and the general public? If so, what does it intend to do?

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