

**Question for written answer E-000475/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Italian airports

In 2023, airports under Italy's national airport plan (NAP) recorded almost 200 million passenger movements and 1 601 059 aircraft movements. No prior planning has ever been conducted for airport infrastructure in Italy, and the expansion of grass airfields has taken place without these being subject to any regulated development planning.

In the light of the above:

1. Given the differences found at NAP airports in respect of Regulation (EU) No 139/2014, how will the Commission see to it that the safety assessment procedures adopted are completely transparent while simultaneously ensuring that aviation regulations are upheld and that airport operations are safe?
2. What initiatives might the Commission take to ensure that all NAP airport external emergency plans are completely transparent and, given the importance of these plans for safety and emergency management, how could the surrounding communities be involved in drawing them up and reviewing them?
3. What action can the Commission take to ensure that restriction maps for ICAO obstacle limitation areas are disclosed in full for each NAP airport and to help address any potential shortcomings and operational limitations emerging from airport regulatory plans and the increase in flight volumes, while balancing aviation objectives with due consideration for safety and the local community?

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