Question for written answer E-000967/2024 to the Commission
Rule 138

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Subject: Doganaccia-Corno alle Scale cable car

The province of Pistoia already has two cable cars (Cutigliano-Doganaccia and Doganaccia-Croce Arcana) and is planning to build a new line connecting Doganaccia and Corno alle Scale.

On 24 May 2016, the Ministry of the Environment issued a decree establishing a special area of conservation (SAC IT5130006 Monte Spigolino-Monte Gennaio) in this Apennine area, in recognition of the natural significance of the ridge, which is part of the Natura 2000 network. The new cable car is supposed to be built within this SAC. Plans are for it to take up around 493 ha and run almost half the length of the ridge. Most disconcertingly, one of the two supporting pillars is to be located in the protected area, as is the two-storey terminus, sealing some 300 m² of land.

More than seven years have passed since the decree establishing this SAC. Tuscany Region, as the managing authority, has been dragging its feet over the adoption of the related management plan ever since, despite naming this among its priorities.

Can the Commission say whether it intends to:

- call on Italy to comply with the conservation measures and adopt the management plan for SAC IT5130006 Monte Spigolino-Monte Gennaio, pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC?
- 2. call for a special protection area to be established in this area, in view of the presence of bird species listed in the annexes to Directive 2009/147/EC (Birds Directive)?

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