

**Question for written answer E-001098/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Green light for sludge treatment plant in Savignano Irpino, in breach of the Habitats Directive

The Campania Region has granted permission for the construction of a plant to process domestic and industrial sludge, and to produce fertilising compost and dried sludge for energy recovery purposes, in the area of Agro di Savignano Irpino, which is in the province of Avellino, but on the regional border with Apulia. The plant may have environmental repercussions for the Cervaro stream basin.

The Cervaro stream valley is a Natura 2000 site and, given the intrinsic nature of the potential plant and its location, but also in the context of accidents, it is clear that the plant could affect the local environment.

Nor was the impact assessment concerning environmental effects for the Valle del Cervaro Natura 2000 site taken into account.

In the light of the Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC), which was adopted to promote the maintenance of biodiversity and introduced the Natura 2000 Europe-wide network of protected areas:

1. Can the Commission ask the Campania Region to provide justification for why, in breach of the Habitats Directive, it has given the green light to the aforementioned plans?
2. What steps will the Commission take vis-a-vis the Italian authorities to protect Natura 2000 sites?

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