

ORAL QUESTION H-0682/08
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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Environmental disaster in Lake Koroneia in Greece

Lake Koroneia in the prefecture of Thessaloniki, one of the most important wetlands in Greece which is protected by the international Ramsar convention and Natura 2000 network, has been turned into a dangerous swamp. It is fishless, and thousands of birds are dying there. This demonstrates the inertia of successive governments and the local authorities confronted with the need to save the Lake. According to statements and studies by experts, the cause of this environmental crime, which impacts the local ecosystem and the social and economic life of the region, is waste from local factories and urban waste which have been polluting the Lake for decades because the biological purification has been out of action and because of a failure to change crop irrigation methods. The absence of any specific policy to manage and protect the aquatic resources has led to the present disaster.

In view of the above, does the Commission intend to intervene to save Lake Koroneia and to check how the millions of euros supposed to have been spend on saving it were actually spent?

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