

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0769/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Pindos national park

The northern Pindos is one of the areas which the Greek authorities have put forward for inclusion in the Natura 2000 network. Community finance has been made available for this area, through the operational programme for the environment under the 2nd CSF; in order to draw up a management plan with a view to the designation of the area as a national park. However, none of the procedures provided for under Greek law, such as the issuing of a presidential decree and the formation of a managerial body, have as yet been initiated.

What measures will the Commission take to ensure that the Community funds granted for these studies are used effectively?

Can Community funds be provided to set up the necessary infrastructure for the subsequent operation of the national parks?