

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0386/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Wind turbines

The construction of a large number of wind turbines is planned in France.

Has the European Commission studied the total financial cost for public authorities (Europe, national and others) of developing this type of energy in comparison with the cost of other forms of energy production?

Moreover, given the serious consequences of the building of wind turbines, in particular for migratory birds and the safety of goods and people, does the Commission still consider it appropriate to encourage this type of energy production?

Has the Commission assessed the benefits and drawbacks of wind turbines, with reference to the latest research?