

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2123/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: The construction of two motorways on Ibiza

A motorway construction project, implemented and financed by the government of the Balearic Islands together with the island council for Ibiza y Formentera, is underway on the island of Ibiza (Balearics, Spain), and is facing fierce opposition from residents, owing to the lack of justification for it and irrationality behind it, as well as its excessive scale. It poses a danger to the environment and landscape, will spoil the traditional composition and essential elements of the island, and constitutes a real threat to its ecosystems, which, in the areas concerned, will never recover.

For over three months now, incidents have been witnessed on an almost daily basis in which residents affected by the project have been trying to prevent, by peaceful means, excavators from entering onto those private properties that have either yet to be surrendered or have been handed over before the completion of mandatory legal formalities.

Aside from the fact that the project directly affects two SCIs, one of which has also been designated an SPA for birds (the Serra Grossa Area of Special Natural Interest and the Ses Salines National Park), no analysis has been conducted of the flora and fauna affected, nor has the mandatory environmental impact assessment been carried out in respect of the project. It is estimated that the project's overall impact on fauna will be 'moderate to severe'. The project also acknowledges that the impact on species living next to rivers will be 'severe', yet it fails to propose any corrective measures, dodging the issue of wildlife indigenous to the area and affected bird species.

Is the Commission aware of this project? What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure compliance with Articles 3 and 5 of Directive 97/11/EC<sup>1</sup>, as well as Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>2</sup>?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 73, 14.3.1997, p. 5.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.