

**Question for written answer P-002551/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Completion of the San Lorenzo Marina seafront promenade - landscape and environmental issues

Plans have been drawn up in the Municipality of San Lorenzo (Reggio Calabria) for the opening of a building site to complete the seafront promenade. Since the work to be carried out will be within a protected natural area under Legislative Decree No 42/04 and consists of a road which will make around 10 400 m² of the land impermeable, in addition to a street lighting system, the relevant local government department (Soprintendenza) voted against the plan, since it runs counter to the provisions of the Calabria Region's land development framework (QTRP) and appears to be inconsistent with 'the characteristics of a quality environmental and landscape package'. Moreover, the work would affect portions of the sandy shore of the Site of Community Importance IT9350145¹ (under Directive 92/43/EEC), designated as a Special Area of Conservation, which is part of the most important nesting area for *Caretta caretta* turtles in Italy. Associations, committees and civil society representatives have openly condemned² the risk of serious harm that the work would cause to the natural landscape and biotic features of the site.

Can the Commission therefore say:

- 1) whether it deems that EU law, and in particular Directive 92/43/EEC, has been properly implemented, given that the project does not appear to have included any study and/or assessment of environmental implications that is able to ascertain that 'it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned';
- 2) whether it does not consider it necessary to request information from the relevant national authorities, and what measures it intends to take in the event of a breach of EU law?

¹ <http://natura2000.eea.europa.eu/Natura2000/SDF.aspx?site=IT9350145#2>

² <https://www.corrieredellacalabria.it/regione/reggio-calabria/item/187585-sulla-sua-cattiva-strada-lappello-per-salvare-il-paesaggio-di-san-lorenzo/>