

**Priority question for written answer P-001820/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Infringements within protected areas

Urbanisation is continuing inside protected areas SCI Strandzha BG0001007 and SPA Strandzha BG0002040, with the loss of grasslands and coastal and woodland habitats.

These new property developments, most of which are in the village of Sinemorets, in Tsarevo municipality, but also elsewhere, are being constructed without any strategic environmental assessment or EIA procedures being carried out and not always with procedures under Article 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC being conducted, or with Article 6(3) procedures being conducted but without a cumulative impact assessment.

Tsarevo Municipal Council has not yet approved a new spatial plan to replace its last 2008 plan, for which no strategic environmental assessment was carried out in line with Directive 2001/42/EC.

Is the Commission monitoring the implementation of Bulgaria's commitments under Infringement Procedure No 2009/4424 and does it not consider that this procedure needs to be reopened?

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