

**Question for written answer E-002580/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Dangerous plans to install wind turbines and photovoltaics on Mount Kaimakchalan, specifically in areas of the regional unit of Florina

The dangerous plans to install wind turbines and photovoltaics on Mount Kaimakchalan entail the installation of 44 photovoltaic units and 22 wind turbines (with a target of 80 in total), altering the cultural and environmental profile of the area, with an impact on farmers, livestock breeders and beekeepers. Like its predecessors, the Nea Dimokratia Government is promoting the EU's 'green growth' strategy by strengthening monopolies in order to exploit natural resources and the environment.

Residents demand that the mountains and natural environment not be handed over to business groups, that the environmental feasibility impact studies be rejected, that applications for installation permits and lease agreements be made, that the start of the works be stopped, that no wind turbines, photovoltaic parks, substations or high-voltage lines be installed close to populated areas, and that proximity limits be revised upwards and noise pollution limits downwards.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What is its position regarding calls by local residents for measures to protect NATURA 2000 areas and regarding the rejection of the special environmental report, which is in fact detrimental to the environment and to the interests of working people?
2. What view does it take of the fact that, on the basis of Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive (EU) 2018/2001, it is possible for 'green' business groups to restrict conservation areas in order to maximise their profits, on the back of various studies at the expense of local character and environmental protection?

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