

**Question for written answer E-003110/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Prinos CO₂ storage project: SEIA, geological hazards and the Seveso Directive disregarded, principle of prevention at risk of violation

In its reply to my question E-001877/2025¹, the Commission failed to respond to the critical issues concerning the legality of the CO₂ storage project in Prinos:

— it did not answer whether the existence of a Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) had been checked in accordance with Directive 2001/42/EC prior to the project's inclusion in the Connecting Europe Facility (13.11-EL-W-M-24-Prinos CO₂), nor whether neighbouring countries received the required advance information (Article 7), despite the project's transboundary maritime impact;

— it did not answer whether it was aware of geological reports and risk assessment for the undersea storage, despite the project's location on top of the Anatolian fault line, where there is a risk of seismic or volcanic destabilisation of geological storage formations;

— it did not specify whether the start of construction works without the prior submission of complete emergency plans and safety reports (Directive 2012/18/EU – Seveso III) was compatible with the principles of EU law, in particular the principle of prevention under Article 191 TFEU.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Can it confirm whether the SEIA and the transboundary consultation were carried out in advance in line with Directive 2001/42/EC?
2. Has the Commission examined the geological conditions and proximity to the Anatolian fault line in order to request the suspension of the project until a full SEIA has been submitted and a transboundary consultation and geotechnical risk assessment have been carried out?
3. How does the Commission ensure that projects under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) are not carried out before the obligations under the Seveso III Directive have been fulfilled, environmental assessments carried out and the principle of prevention under Article 191 TFEU applied?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001877-ASW_EN.html