

**Question for written answer E-003154/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Verifying whether Ecologic S.p.A's Ginosa project complies with EU environmental, financial and anti-mafia law

Ecologic S.p.A's plan to build a waste-to-energy plant – which will be powered by secondary solid fuel and non-recyclable plastics – in Ginosa (Apulia) appears to be at odds with EU law. One example is Directive 92/43/EEC, inasmuch as the facility will be located near a number of Natura 2000 sites, an arrangement which could also run counter to the regional landscape plan.

The project also appears to fall short of the requirements laid down by Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU), seeing as the plant's environmental impact assessment (EIA) did not include a cumulative impact assessment, even though it will be built in an area where the Massafra incinerator and the industrial facilities located in the Taranto site of national interest have already caused critical environmental damage.

The project – which has received approximately EUR 68 million in cohesion funds through Invitalia – might also be in breach of the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle laid down by Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 and could therefore have negative repercussions for the environment, organic farming and rural tourism.

Given also that the waste sector is vulnerable to being infiltrated by mafia organisations (see Legislative Decree No 159/2011):

1. Could the Commission clarify whether the Ginosa plant's EIA was carried out in accordance with Directive 2011/92/EU and whether Ecologic's project complies with Directives 2008/98/EC and 2010/75/EU?
2. Were the aforementioned cohesion funds allocated in compliance with the DNSH principle, and are these financing measures coherent with the EU Green Deal?
3. What measures will be implemented to ensure that the Ginosa project is managed transparently and is free from mafia interference?

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