

**Question for written answer E-003333/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Failure to comply with the DNSH principle and environmental damage by the EU-funded Benasque-Cerler gondola project

In its answer to my question E-001928/2024¹, the Commission stated that the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation requires, among other things, respect for the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ (DNSH) principle.

However, it appears that the ongoing work on this project is causing irreversible environmental damage, according to warnings from local residents and environmental associations and complaints by Spain’s nature protection service (SEPRONA), including to the Public Prosecutor’s Office.

The work, which is being carried out in areas designated as sites of Community importance (SCIs), infringes EU environmental protection directives and is in breach of the conditions of the environmental impact statement approved for the project.

Given that the EU is funding the project to the tune of 90 % and the DNSH principle has not been respected, I would ask the following:

1. Is the Commission aware of the significant harm and irreparable damage caused by the work on the Benasque-Cerler gondola?
2. Does it intend to open a formal investigation into possible breaches of EU environmental law and failure to comply with the environmental impact statement?
3. Does it believe that the project should be suspended immediately as a precautionary measure in order to ensure that these infringements do not continue and that the DNSH principle is not breached with NextGenerationEU funds, in accordance with the RRF Regulation?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001928-ASW_EN.html.