

**Question for written answer E-003753/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Possible infringement of EU law in relation to the ‘Educational-Environmental Action in Monte Arna’ project (Cantabria, Spain)

According to the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (RTRP) portal, the municipality of Ribamontán al Mar (Cantabria) has awarded the contract for the ‘Educational-Environmental Action in Monte Arna’ project, with EUR 200 000 from Next Generation EU funds.

The project concerns a key strategic environmental area of Cantabria’s coastal management plan, as well as two Natura 2000 network spaces: SPA Dunas del Puntal y Estuario del Miera and SPA Costa Central y Ría de Ajo. However, the public documentation includes neither a regular environmental impact assessment nor an assessment of implications as required by Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).

The only environmental justification is a do no significant harm (DNSH) questionnaire, which is a requirement of the RTRP but is not equivalent to a legal assessment or technical analysis of impact on habitats and protected species.

1. Will the Commission ask the Spanish authorities to explain the lack of an environmental impact assessment and an assessment of implications on the Natura 2000 network in Monte Arna?
2. Does the Commission consider a DNSH questionnaire to be sufficient to ensure compliance with the environmental requirements of the RTRP and Regulation (EU) 2024/1991?
3. What monitoring mechanisms will the Commission apply to ensure that EU funds are not used to finance projects that go against the Birds Directive, the Habitats Directive and nature restoration legislation?

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