

**Question for written answer E-004439/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: CINEA awards STEP seal to the Altri company's large-scale cellulose plant project in Galicia – the Gama project – ignoring the polluting effects of the planned plant

As stated in the press release issued by Portuguese company Altri, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) has awarded the STEP seal to the company's Gama project, which aims to construct a large-scale cellulose plant in Galicia. As the Commission has already been made aware through my previous questions, Galician society has categorically rejected this project ever since it was announced. Several leading experts and organisations, such as ADEGA (Association for the Ecological Defence of Galicia), the Council for Galician Culture and Fern, have expressed their opposition to the project, which threatens the biodiversity of Galician woodland, agriculture and estuaries.

The Galician Government's environmental impact assessment study is skewed as it conceals and omits 15 pollutants from the cellulose plant's potential gas emissions and includes inaccurate greenhouse gas emissions data.

The 'clean technologies' criterion that the Gama project supposedly fulfilled to be awarded the STEP label is being called into question by various environmental experts, whose reports we can forward onto the Commission.

1. Did CINEA have access to the reports on polluting effects when assessing whether to award the STEP seal?
2. Would the Commission withdraw the seal if it were shown that the project would indeed have harmful effects?

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