

Question for written answer E-004679/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Nuclear emergency response plans in Friuli-Venezia Giulia

Directive 2013/59/Euratom requires Member States to draw up nuclear emergency response plans and make them public.

A number of nuclear warheads are being kept at Aviano air base in the Province of Pordenone, while nuclear-powered military vessels call in at the transit ports of Trieste and Koper.

Civic associations¹ have spent years appealing to the Prefects of Pordenone and Trieste and the Mayor of Koper to make these nuclear emergency response plans² public, but have yet to receive an answer. In addition, several local authorities³ have approved motions expressing their opposition to the presence of nuclear-powered military vessels in the area.

Given that transparency and providing the public with prior information are both required by the EU laws governing civil and radiation protection, and given the fact that citizens are legitimately concerned about the evolution of ongoing wars:

1. What steps will the Commission take to verify the effective enforcement of Directive 2013/59/Euratom as regards Aviano air base and the ports of Trieste and Koper?
2. Will the Commission urge the Italian and Slovenian authorities to make their emergency response plans public and disclose the protection measures that are to be taken in the event of an accident, terror attack or act of war?
3. Given the presence of atomic devices in EU territory⁴, is the Commission planning to bolster the EU's nuclear protection legislation?

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¹ Tavola per la pace del Friuli-Venezia Giulia.

² Provided for by European legislation and the Aarhus and Espoo Conventions.

³ Including the former Province of Trieste.

⁴ Including the US warheads stored in NATO bases in the EU.