

**Question for written answer E-001363/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Solar farm under construction in a Natura area in Fokida

The residents of Agia Efthymia – a historical village of martyrdom and special cultural significance in the region of Fokida – are opposed to the plan to build a solar farm in a Natura zone in the area. Machinery has already been brought in to clear 170 hectares of forest ahead of construction.

The solar farm is being built on both public forest and private land, with landowners seeing their land cleared.

Propelled by EU strategies, the Nea Demokratia Government is speeding up the roll-out of wind turbines and photovoltaics, while the policy to phase out lignite has resulted in incalculable consequences.

Promises of supposedly cheaper energy are being shattered by the unaffordable cost of ‘green’ energy, while Central Greece has become an energy centre for renewables. At the same time, the ‘war-induced’ price hikes affecting energy and fuel are the other side of the same coin.

In the light of the above,

can the Commission answer the following:

1. What is its view regarding the concerns expressed by the residents of Agia Efthymia in Fokida in relation to the construction of a solar farm in the area, despite the Region’s negative opinion, as well as regarding the encroachment on private property?
2. What view does it take of the fact that the regulation on ‘nature restoration’ has paved the way for even Natura areas to be encroached upon when the interests of energy conglomerates are at stake, under the pretext of being in the ‘overriding public interest’, while in reality the people are paying a high price for the environmental and economic consequences of the unregulated expansion of renewable energy sources?

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