

Question for written answer E-001878/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Compatibility of a Greek draft law with EU environmental law in relation to Natura 2000 sites

The Greek Ministry of the Environment and Energy's law on the modernisation of legislation on the use and production of energy from renewable sources, which ostensibly transposes Directives (EU) 2023/2413 and (EU) 2024/1788 into national law, is not limited to the faithful transposition of those directives, but introduces provisions that go beyond their regulatory framework and distort their objective of ensuring a high level of environmental protection.

Specifically, the draft law establishes permitted uses and activities within Natura 2000 sites without making their implementation contingent upon a prior appropriate impact assessment capable of ruling out – on the basis of the best available scientific data – any reasonable doubt as to the deterioration of the protected habitats.

This approach raises questions as to the compatibility with Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2011/92/EU, as well as with the principles of Articles 11 and 191 TFEU.

Furthermore, the public consultation lasted only two weeks, one of which coincided with Holy Week and Easter, which, according to the comments received, undermines meaningful public participation.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is the above legislative approach in line with Article 6 of Directive 92/43/EEC?
2. How does it assess the above decoupling of the implementation of activities from the prior appropriate assessment?
3. Does the consultation process meet the requirements for effective public participation under EU law?

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