

**Question for written answer E-002812/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Possible breach of EU environmental law in the Modern Eco Village urban development project

In the municipality of Planes (comarca of el Comtat, Autonomous Community of Valencia), the Modern Eco Village mega-development – comprising up to 500 luxury homes on rural land, next to the River Serpis and the Beniarrés reservoir – is going ahead in an area partially included in the Natura 2000 network. The project could double or triple the local population and has prompted concerns about its environmental, water and public participation effects.

In the light of Directive 2011/92/EU, the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC):

1. Has the Commission received any information on Spain's compliance with the environmental assessment requirements for this project?
2. Given the projected population increase (115 % – 215 %) in an area where water stress is a recurrent problem, does the Commission believe that Spain is complying with Article 4 of the Water Framework Directive, in particular the principle of non-deterioration, and has it checked the conduct of the Confederación Hidrográfica del Júcar (the Júcar river basin authority)?
3. What measures could the Commission take to help to secure effective public participation in line with the Aarhus Convention?

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