

**Question for written answer E-003373/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Construction of solar power station in Thessaly despite potential violations of EU environmental law and protection of Natura 2000 areas

A solar power station with a capacity of 400 MW is being promoted in Antichasia, in the regional unit of Trikala. The total designated area covers around 1 550 hectares, of which 600 hectares will be taken up by the power station buildings and equipment. From the information I have been provided with, it looks as though the entire area is located within a Natura 2000 Special Protection Area (SPA) and approximately 220 hectares also fall within a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The site is located just 215 metres from the edge of a settlement and another power station is being developed less than 8 km away. The environmental impact study was submitted hastily and just eight months after the producer authorisation was issued.

Potential consequences of the project include the destruction of habitats, flooding, species displacement, water pollution, reduction of land for crop cultivation and livestock farming and permanent visual degradation.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How does it check full compliance with all applicable EU procedures (Directives 2011/92/EU, 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC), including the appropriate assessment of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive for projects within Natura areas?
2. Does it intend to take the necessary steps to protect the environment and ecosystem, which is clearly at risk?
3. Will it consider the possibility of a breach of procedure and ask for the immediate suspension of permitting procedures until full compliance is ensured?

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