

**Question for written answer E-003717/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: The Aznalcóllar mining project and protecting the Doñana National Park in accordance with EU law

UNESCO has sent out another warning about the state of conservation of the Doñana National Park and, in particular, about the potential impact of the new Aznalcóllar mining project (Mina Los Frailes).

The World Heritage Committee has once again voiced its concerns about the lack of sufficient information to assess the potential effects of the project and has requested a specific assessment of its potential impact, including the effects of mining waste discharge on water quality.

The project, whose environmental assessment is the responsibility of the regional government of Andalucía, involves actions that may affect water bodies and discharge into the Guadalquivir River, in an area of exceptional ecological value protected by EU legislation.

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

1. Has it assessed the project's compatibility with the obligations under the Water Framework Directive, the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive?
2. Does it consider that the environmental assessment conducted sufficiently guarantees that the discharges and other actions associated with the project will not damage the water bodies of the Doñana National Park or affect its protected ecosystems?
3. In light of the warnings issued by UNESCO, will the Commission ask the regional government of Andalusia for information on the environmental assessment and the measures taken to ensure full compliance with EU environmental law?

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