

**Priority question for written answer P-001876/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Deterioration of a Natura 2000 site in Achlada, Florina, and possible undermining of the EU emissions framework

Extensive lignite mining is taking place in Achlada, Florina, in the immediate vicinity of the Natura 2000 site 'Mount Voras (Kaimaktsalan)' (GR1340004). According to available information, extensive habitat alterations have taken place, along with inadequate or unsubstantiated restoration, while general permitted uses are being promoted within Natura 2000 sites without a clear differentiation of protection levels. In addition, there have been reports that part of the extracted lignite is being exported to Skopje for the production of electricity, which is then re-imported into the Union, raising questions as to the effectiveness of the ETS-CBAM framework and the risk of carbon leakage through imported electricity.

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

1. Has it requested – or does it intend to request – that the Greek authorities provide complete information and proper documentation demonstrating compliance with Article 6 of Directive 92/43/EEC in relation to the prevention of deterioration and adequate restoration in Achlada?
2. How does it assess, in the light of EU law, the recurring practice of deterioration and non-restoration in Natura 2000 sites in Greece?
3. Does it consider that the described practice of exporting lignite and re-importing electricity calls for a specific check on the effectiveness of ETS-CBAM and the risk of carbon leakage?

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