

**Question for written answer E-002651/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Italian Government's failure to comply with public consultation obligations regarding the PNIEC

On 5 December 2003, Italy's Ministry of Environment and Energy Security launched a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedure for the Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (PNIEC)¹.

Italy sent the PNIEC² to the Commission on 3 July 2024, but has not yet informed the public of the results of the strategic environmental assessment³.

Furthermore, the preliminary environmental report on which the Ministry consulted the public did not make any reference to a nuclear programme, other than a mention of research in that field⁴.

However, the PNIEC sent to the Commission assumes the establishment of nuclear capacity from 2035⁵, reaching a capacity of 8 GW by 2050⁶, despite the fact that the public was not consulted on this scenario.

In view of the above:

1. Has Italy complied with the obligations under recital 18 of Directive 2001/42/EC⁷ in terms of informing the public and making available the data relating to the PNIEC, including the results of the consultation?
2. Given that the preliminary plan did not anticipate the establishment of nuclear capacity, has Italy complied with the requirement to give the public effective opportunities to participate in the preparation of the draft plan, in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999⁸ and Article 6 of Directive 2001/42/EC⁹?

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¹ <https://va.mite.gov.it/it-IT/Oggetti/Documentazione/10421/15391>

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/5ef1819e-1c42-446f-91d0-abb9cf7719e8_en?filename=IT_FINAL%20UPDATED%20NECP%202021-2030%20%28English%29_0.pdf

³ The SEA has not yet been finalised and there is no available summary of the observations submitted and/or the government's position, <https://va.mite.gov.it/it-IT/Oggetti/Info/10421>.

⁴ <https://va.mite.gov.it/File/Documento/967665>

⁵ With 0.4 GW expected as of then, see page 87.

⁶ Including 0.4 GW fusion and 7.6 GW fission, see page 87.

⁷ See recital 18, [tps://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32001L0042](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32001L0042).

⁸ See Article 10, 'Public consultation', <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32018R1999>.

⁹ See Article 6, 'Consultations', <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32001L0042>.