Question for written answer E-000594/2024 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Serious environmental damage to the Alpi Veglia e Devero-Monte Giove Natura 2000 Subject:

SAC/SPA (IT1140016), established in 1995

Between 2000 and 2016, two projects to expand a ski resort compromised the integrity of the adjacent Alpi Veglia e Devero-Monte Giove Natura 2000 site.

In addition, between 2014 and 2022, at least 10 hectares' worth of protected habitats listed in Annex I of Directive 92/43/EEC were destroyed by major excavation works carried out in the ski area without an environmental implications assessment (valutazione di incidenza ambientale).

As a result of the excavations and the way in which the ski resort is being run, the local wildlife – itself protected under Directive 2009/147/EEC (Annex I) - can no longer use at least 45 hectares of the site.

Just as significant is the damage that is currently being caused to species and habitats by a series of projects that were approved by means of environmental implications assessments that could be considered to be unsuitable.

When a proposal was made in 2018 to significantly expand the ski resort, almost 130 000 people signed a petition against it.

In the light of the above:

- Is the Commission aware that completed projects have seriously compromised the integrity of the above Natura 2000 site, and that ongoing projects could do the same?
- 2. What measures does it think could restore the above site and ensure its preservation?
- Will the Commission update the results of EU Pilot Procedure 6730/14, also in view of the repeated and systematic use of possibly unsuitable implications assessments for both completed and ongoing projects on the site?

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