



Parliamentary questions

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Answer given by Mr Potočník on behalf of the Commission

Article 7 of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EC⁽¹⁾ requires a Member State to involve another Member State where a project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment of that Member State. However, this obligation is only triggered when the impact of the project is considered to have significant effect. For that, the Member State in whose territory the project is intended to be carried out, should first screen and scope any potential impacts of the project under the EIA Directive in order to identify environmental factors considered to be affected seriously.

The Habitats Directive does not ban any particular economic activity, including land reclamation (filling operations) from a site of community importance. Rather it obliges such activities to undergo an appropriate assessment where necessary.

The Commission does not possess any evidence of a clear violation of EU environmental legislation. Moreover, publicly available information indicates that an EIA was carried out. If any new information and substantiated evidence establishing a breach of EC law arise, the Commission will investigate the matter further.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 28.1.2012, p. 1–21.

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