

**Question for written answer E-015637/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Environmental risks in Ancona's port district

The Marche regional authorities have decided to close down train services to and from Ancona Marittima station from 13 December 2015 (decision 907/2015). This will result in a major increase in motor vehicle traffic between Ancona Centrale train station and the city centre.

In 2007 a number of pollution monitoring stations were set up in Ancona (including one in the port area), to take air quality readings in accordance with the EU rules of the time. The readings taken have often been in excess of the daily limit values for PM10.

Since then, pursuant to Marche regional executive decision 84/2012, the monitoring station in the port has been removed, despite opposition from the provincial authorities.

The above decisions have increased the environmental risks in the area and made it more difficult to monitor air quality.

1. Was the Commission aware of the removal of the monitoring station, and if so, does it see a need to investigate the matter more closely?
2. Would it agree that the closure of Ancona Marittima station goes against the general trend in Europe towards switching from road to rail and will increase environmental pollution?
3. Would it agree that an assessment of compliance with Directive 2008/50/EC, in particular with regard to the location of sampling points, needs to be carried out?