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Subject: Management of Natura 2000 sites: the Habitats Directive and the case of the Bagnoli-Coroglio site of national interest

Part of the environmental rehabilitation and urban regeneration programme for the Bagnoli-Coroglio Site of National Interest, ‘Upgrading the Arena San Antonio (ASA) wastewater collector and its coastal sewage outfall points’ is a project which will double the collector’s capacity and will consequently also provide for the opening of new coastal bypass outlets located within the Special Area of Conservation ‘Fondali marini di Gaiola e Nisida’ (IT8030041), which is part of the Natura 2000 Network.

Managed by Invitalia, this project was approved by the Italian Ministry of the Environment and is being funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Though the Coroglio wastewater pre-treatment plant’s bypass outlet has been contaminating the local waters for years, a positive impact assessment has been annexed to the Ministry’s project. In total, 88 negative opinions – half of which authored by biologists and specialists – have been issued concerning the project. A number of citizens, associations and other bodies also oppose the plan to increase the ASA collector's capacity for the reasons we have outlined.

In view of the above, what steps will the Commission take to check that the project approved by the Italian Ministry of the Environment is not in breach of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC?

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