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SUBJECT: (please specify) Kaliakra wind farm, Bulgaria

TEXT:

At present, Bulgaria is not designating appropriate Special Protection Areas (SPAs) as part of the Natura network of protected sights.

A site of particular concern is Kaliakra on the Black Sea coast which is a vital roosting and foraging site for birds on one of the most important migration routes in and out of Europe. The site is under threat from proposals for several tourist developments and for 28 wind farms comprising some 200 turbines. Some key areas of key habitat have already been destroyed. Whilst the building of wind farms is clearly something to be encouraged given that climate change is the greatest threat to biodiversity, it is important that planning procedures are appropriate.

The Commission has already sent the Bulgaria government a first written warning for its failure to designate sufficient SPAs. It must now take immediate further action to stop the destruction that is occurring at valuable wildlife sites such as Kaliakra .

How does the European Commission intend to ensure that Bulgaria replaces wildlife sites damages since its accession to the EU in January 2007, and that the country starts to comply properly with European laws relating to the protection of the environment?

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