

## Motions

<b>Motion number</b>	18
<b>Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA</b>	Ana Miranda
<b>Member party</b>	Bloque Nacionalista Galego (BNG)
<b>Title (of the Motion)</b>	Opposition to the Altri Macro-cellulose plant in Galiza
<p><b>Text of the motion:</b> (In English; Maximum 600 words)</p> <p>The geographical heart of Galiza is threaten by the construction of a <b>macro-cellulose</b> plant located in Palas de Rei (Lugo, Galiza), based in the primary raw material in the <b>eucalyptus wood</b>. The planned industrial facilities will cover an estimated area of <b>112 hectares</b>, with a total project area of <b>360 hectares</b>. The initial production capacity will be <b>60,000 tons per year</b> of lyocell textile fiber, with the potential to expand to <b>200,000 tons per year</b>.</p> <p>There is a big opposition in Galiza, from the <b>local communities</b> in the affected municipalities but also from <b>a significant part of the Galician scientific community and the civil society</b>. On 15th December 2024, as many as <b>100.000 people demonstrated in the capital of Galiza, Santiago de Compostela, voicing their strong opposition</b> to this macro-cellulose plant. People from all walks of life, political beliefs and sensibilities, more than <b>50 national and international organisations have supported this latest demonstration</b> to block this project and avoid any further ecological and socio-economic disaster. Last 22nd March 2025, there was again a large demonstration in Galiza, both on land and at sea, this time in <b>A Pobra do Caramiñal, where citizens asked again for the Altri project to not move forward</b>.</p> <p>The factory will require an <b>excessive consumption of water</b>, with a demand of 46.000 m<sup>3</sup>/day from the Ulla river, without any assessment of the future effects of climate change. It will generate a discharge of treated <b>wastewater of 30.000 m<sup>3</sup>/day into the Ulla river</b>, above the catchment area, with the <b>consequent impact on the entire basin and on the Arousa estuary and its productive shellfish sectors</b>.</p> <p>The Altri macro-cellulose plant endangers the livelihoods of the local population due to its <b>incompatibility with existing agro-ecological development projects</b> and initiatives in the region.</p> <p>There is a direct <b>contradiction between the production of cellulose and the protection and restoration of nature</b> with the expansion of <b>eucalyptus monocultures</b>. <b>More eucalyptus will negatively affect local and regional fauna and biodiversity</b>. The project violates the <b>Habitats Directive (92/43/EC)</b> and six threatened species, and thus should not qualified to receive European Funds as it fails</p>	

to meet the criteria set out in **the Regulation (EU) 2021/241 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility**. Having access to EU funding is crucial for the Galician Government needs in order to implement the project.

EPP, united with the PfE and the ESN, **have repeatedly blocked the Petition against Altri in the Petitions Committee**, limiting the voice of the Galician citizens, while this is a worrying anti-democratic action, it shows the importance for PP in Galiza to build this plant at any costs.

We would highly appreciate if the **EFA General Assembly sends strong message of solidarity** to the groups, associations and to the BNG in the fight against the Altri project.

Thus, the EFA General Assembly requests to the Galician Government, the Spanish State and the European Commission to avoid the approval and financing of this project that endangers and pollutes the environment, attack the productive sectors as agriculture and fisheries, the Way of Santiago and the biodiversity.

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