

**Question for written answer E-007364/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Dredging work on the River Segura

The project for 'Environmental Rehabilitation of the River Segura in Murcia City', being undertaken by Spain's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, is dependent on European Regional Development Fund financing. Work has already begun despite the fact that a file on the project requested by two environmental organisations – the Asociación de Naturalistas del Sureste (ANSE) and Ecologistas en Acción – does not include a prior environmental impact assessment.

The two organisations lodged a complaint (registered as no CHAP(2014)02946) with the Commission.

The likelihood is, however, that the complaint procedure will not be concluded before completion of the dredging work and the outcome will be further damage to the environment (as the sludge is being dumped in an uncontrolled manner on the bank of the winding river).

1. Does the Commission intend to act to head off this situation?
2. Is there a protocol under which the Commission can take urgent action in cases where it appears that a Member State is using European Regional Development Fund financing in an unlawful way?