

**Question for written answer E-007683/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Biodiversity in the Ebro delta

At the recent hearing of Commissioner-designate Miguel Arias Cañete, biodiversity and sustainability were highlighted as priorities for the Commission.

In this regard, in February 2014 the Spanish Government presented a hydrological plan for the Ebro river basin, which it notified to the Commission, as indicated by the Commission in its answers to written questions E-002572/2014 and E-004023/2014, among others.

The aforementioned project reduces by half the cubic metres proposed by the Catalanian Regional Government (Generalitat de Catalunya) to guarantee the sustainability of the Ebro delta and reinstates a plan that was rejected years ago because of the environmental impact it would cause and about which the Commission raised its concerns at the time. I would therefore like to know:

In light of the answer to written question E-004023/2014, does the Commission have at its disposal the assessment results for the plan presented by the Spanish Government? What are they?

If it has received the results, and with respect thereto, does the Commission consider that the hydrological plan for river basins presented by the Spanish Government complies with the European Water Framework Directive?

What plans or programmes does the Commission intend to implement in order to guarantee the sustainability and biodiversity of one of the most important wetlands in southern Europe?