

**Question for written answer E-009508/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Is the European Commission complying with its own regulations regarding the Sivens dam?

A spokesperson for the European Commissioner for the Environment recently revealed that a preliminary enquiry into the Sivens dam, in the French department of Tarn, has been ongoing since the end of 2013.

It has now emerged that the proposed construction of this dam constitutes an ecological threat, since it fails to comply with European environmental legislation. Specifically, its construction would result in the destruction of a 'wetland area', thereby violating the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). Given these circumstances, is the Commission going to initiate infringement proceedings, as provided for by Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union?

What is more, 30 % of the proposed project is to be financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). Does the Commission intend to act before these funds are irreversibly pledged?