

**Question for written answer E-010196/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: State of conservation of the Henares river and infringement of Directive 2000/60/EC

Despite being part of the European Natura 2000 network as a Site of Community Importance, 37% of the Henares river, especially as it passes through the city of Alcalá de Henares (the Community of Madrid's third largest city, with a population of more than 200 000), is in a poor state, as mentioned in the Plan Hidrológico del Tajo (Tajo hydrological plan) passed by the Spanish Government this year. This means that the objective set under the Framework Water Directive – that, by 2015, waterways in all Member States will be in a good ecological and chemical condition – is not being met.

River basin plans have not been reviewed in accordance with the deadline set under Directive 2000/60/EC, and also the budget of the Confederación Hidrográfica del Tajo (Tajo hydrographic confederation) has been halved over the past ten years.

Taking account of these facts:

1. Has the Commission received any notification from the Spanish Government concerning the current state of the Henares river, as required under Community regulations?
2. Is the Commission planning to take any steps to require the Spanish State to comply with the Framework Water Directive in this case?