

**Question for written answer E-003523/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The River Limia

A recent study by the Scientific Research Centre (Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)) has found that the Limia River is being contaminated as a result of the large-scale livestock farming in its basin and the absence of adequate water purification systems. This situation prompted the Commission last year to approve the LIFE REGENERA LIMIA project – the objective of which is to salvage and regenerate the river, which runs through an area of high environmental value and has been declared a Site of Community Importance (Lugar de importancia comunitaria, LIC), a Special Protection Area (Zona de especial protección para las aves, ZEPA) and part of the Natura 2000 network – with a view to meeting the environmental objectives of the Water Framework Directive.

Although the project has been presented to the public on several occasions, general concern over the deterioration of the Limia basin is on the rise. In the Commission's view, how effectively is the LIFE REGENERA LIMIA project being implemented?

When the project has been completed, what condition will the Limia basin be in and what further measures will be needed to meet the objectives of the Water Framework Directive?