

**Question for written answer E-004929/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pesticide residues in the water in the EU Member States

Recently, the Danish Minister of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Dan Jørgensen, stated that he will not harmonise all legislation relating to the environment and to animal welfare.

This would, according to the Minister, mean that in Denmark it would no longer be possible to drink untreated ground water, if Denmark had the same pesticide regulations as in southern Europe.

Does the Commission agree with the Danish Minister that there are major differences in the use of pesticides in Europe?

Does the Commission agree with the Danish Minister that southern Europe has regulations in the area of pesticides that are substantially different from Denmark?

What will the Commission do with regard to this potential problem?