

**Question for written answer E-005033/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Addendum - Rainwater

The potential of collecting rainwater is manifold if one takes into account that in this way we limit the drain on the limited water resources and reduce the impact of rainwater mixing with pollutants on impermeable surfaces and causing pollution of surface or groundwater. In addition to the great potential of rainwater in arid regions, mainly for irrigation, it is important to emphasise its potential in all other areas, especially in a region of uneven tourism such as the Mediterranean, which in tourist seasons and summer periods records a drastic increase in water consumption, largely due to the need for a more intensive maintenance of green areas.

Since reply E-001785/2015 states that the European Commission does not currently intend to launch a separate European programme in connection with the use of rainwater at the level of households, and according to your response there is clearly an awareness of the potential and need for Member States to encourage such programmes and ensure the necessary legislative changes, I ask the following questions:

- Does the Commission plan to carry out a study investigating the untapped potential of rainwater?
- Does the Commission plan to issue recommendations to Member States for encouraging these types of programmes?