

**Question for written answer E-005115/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Irregularity in the implementation of the EU Waste Water Directive in Italy

In 817 agglomerations in Italy, waste water is not being adequately treated, posing serious risks to human health and pollution of the environment. Some agglomerations are also failing in their obligations to treat more rigorously discharges to sensitive areas (lakes, rivers and coastal areas). The European Commission has announced that it has found 'systematic breaches of EU obligations' on the part of Italy. The Community Executive has now issued a reasoned opinion, urging the Italian Government to take 'concrete measures to remedy these shortcomings as soon as possible'. If the Italian response is not satisfactory, the matter will be referred to the EU Court of Justice.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

- Have the Italian authorities already provided a response to the findings in the reasoned opinion and, if so, has the Commission found their responses to be satisfactory?
- Does the Commission intend to provide an update on the status of the proceeding?
- What action does it intend to take to avoid a referral of Italy to the EU Court of Justice?