Question for written answer E-005942/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Francesc Gambús (PPE)

Subject: Compliance with Water Framework Directive in Spain

In its reply last December to my Written Question E-007683/2014 the Commission stated that it was finalising its assessment of the Ebro River Basin Management Plan presented by the Spanish authorities last February.

If its assessment has now been completed, what conclusions has the Commission arrived at?

In the same context, the electricity company Endesa has recently announced its intention to build a dam in the area of Mont-rebei on the river Noguera Ribagorzana, which is a tributary of the Ebro and has an estimated flow rate without dams of 30 cubic metres per second, although it currently has a flow of less than one cubic metre per second. In this regard, the utility company has said it is prepared to increase the flow to between three and four cubic metres per second.

In the Commission's opinion does this proposal comply with the Water Framework Directive?

Does the Commission have information on the estimated environmental impact that such a dam might cause?

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