

Question for written answer E-007283/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Pollution in European waters

A recent study conducted by the Catalan Institute for Water Research (ICRA) detected the presence of a significant quantity of drugs that are not regulated by the European Union in the waters of the Ebro delta, the Tejo estuary, the Po delta, the estuary of the river Escalda and the Norwegian Fureholmen fjord (Solund). This pollution is primarily caused by a psychotropic drug and a broad-spectrum antibiotic, the maximum levels of which are currently unregulated. Therefore, I would be keen to know the following:

What action is the Commission considering to reduce this pollution, in view of its competences?

Given the water quality objectives established by the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the catchment area plans undergoing analysis by the Commission, to what extent does the Commission feel that the Member States affected are complying with the objectives set out by the WFD?