

**Question for written answer E-012581/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ferrol waste water treatment plant

A few days ago, the Ferrol local authorities revealed that the new Cabo Prioriño waste water treatment plant had not, as it had claimed, purified one and a half million cubic metres of waste water, but had instead been dumping it straight into the sea.

According to the local authorities, all the water that was sent to the treatment plant prior to January 2015 was discharged directly into the open sea, even though the city's inhabitants were being charged for water treatment.

Given that the treatment plant's activities were financed using EU funds (85 % of the money in question came from the Cohesion Fund), is the Commission aware of these revelations, has it launched an investigation into the matter and does it intend to take steps to make sure that funds of this kind are used properly?