

**Question for written answer E-000177/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Adoption of Spanish national river basin management plans

The adoption of the national river basin management plans by the Spanish Cabinet on 8 January 2016 has raised serious doubts, in view of the report published by the Commission in March 2015 and the hearing of June 2015 before Parliament's Committee on Petitions, in which the Commission raised the issue of the systemic problems in the implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Spain.

Can the Commission say, in the light of the proceedings initiated due to the failure to draw up management plans in 1300 protected areas, how many of these concern the Ebro basin and what the latest developments are?

Has the Commission been able to establish, after assessing the information received from the Spanish authorities, a direct link between the Tagus-Segura water diversion system and the impact on the protected areas in the Tagus basin?

Does the Commission, based on the data sent by the Spanish authorities, agree that the river basin management plans submitted for this second cycle achieve the goals of ensuring ecological flows which safeguard the requirements of protected areas?