

**Question for written answer E-007331/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Waste water on the bathing beach in the Dafnes district in Patras, in breach of Directive 85/337/EEC

Residents of the Dafnes district in Patras have repeatedly complained about the obvious flow of drained rainwater onto the popular bathing beach in the area.

According to Drasi, the Embellishing and Cultural Association for the Beach of the Patras Suburb, in 2013, the Patras Municipal Company for Water Supply and Sewerage (DEYAP) illegally tried to construct the pipeline concerned, the flow from which would be visible at the end of Nireos Street. This attempt was halted in response to strong protests by residents and regional entities, resulting in the work being left incomplete.

At the same time, according to the above cultural association, the health laboratory of the Medical School of the University of Patras has found enterococci at the mouth of the pipe, whilst, even in times of prolonged drought, liquids of unknown origin continue to flow. These circumstances breach Directive 85/337/EEC on the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment.

In view of this:

- What measures will the Commission take to ensure that the operation of the above rainwater drainage pipe on the bathing beach of the Dafnes district in Patras complies with the provisions of Directive 85/337/EEC?