

**Question for written answer E-008110/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Serious violation of Directive 2000/60/EC in the middle stretch of the Tagus river

Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 23 October 2000, establishes a series of management and protection measures in different river basin districts. These are intended to prevent the deterioration of surface waters, improve and restore their condition, ensure that they are in good chemical and ecological condition, and reduce contamination from the dumping and emission of dangerous substances. The state of the Tagus river and its tributaries are a daily reminder that these aspects are not being met in the Spanish part of the Tagus river basin. This is mainly due to the enormous impact that the Tagus-Segura aqueduct has had, the pressure that it puts on the river and very poor water purification in Madrid.

With regard to the Tagus river basin, will the Commission force the Spanish Government to comply with Directive 2000/60/EC?

Will it review the state of the Tagus to determine the origin of the foam and contamination that is affecting the river, which is in violation of this Directive?