

**Question for written answer E-008822/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: River dredging

The local and regional authorities through which Europe's rivers flow have recently been faced with a serious problem in the form of the accumulation of silt. Dredging and disposing of that silt requires significant human and financial resources, which has a major impact on the effectiveness of those operations.

Cooperation between the representatives of local authorities and the worlds of agriculture, industry and academia, and with waterways operators, could help achieve financial solutions suited to all involved.

How will the Commission support such cooperation and the development of public-private partnerships aimed at shaping an innovative industry that will create jobs, and ensure that rather than being just a necessity, dredging makes a significant contribution to the local economy?