

**Question for written answer E-001633/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ecological status of rivers

In its answer to my question E-005707/2016, the Commission stated that 'in Galicia, as in the rest of the EU, there is still a long way to go before the achievement of the objectives of the Water Framework Directive'. It also indicated that in the 2014-2020 period, the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) would finance wastewater treatment plants and other infrastructures using almost EUR 88 million within the framework of the 2014-2020 ERDF Galicia regional operational programme, and that it would earmark EUR 66 million for improving wastewater treatment in Galicia. It highlighted in this regard O Souto wastewater treatment plant in Santiago.

Following up on these investments, can the Commission indicate what progress has been made so far? What is the Commission's overall view of their development towards achieving the objectives of the Water Framework Directive?