

**Question for written answer E-004687/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Complete drying-up of the River Spöl

In 2016, Massimo De Rosa, a Five-Star Member of Parliament, asked the Italian Government about the total drying-up of the Spöl river basin in the Commune of Livigno in the Province of Sondrio, and also submitted a complaint to the European Commission.

The Spöl, which does not figure in any management plan, is exploited for hydroelectric purposes: downstream of the diversions, the 'minimum vital outflow' required by Legislative Decree 152/2006 has not been released. Consequently, some 10 km of the riverbed has become an enormous expanse of gravel¹.

We consider that that has effectively prevented the attainment, for the Spöl, of the environmental objectives referred to in Directive 2000/60/EC.

In 2014, the Commission launched procedure EU Pilot 6011/14/ENVI concerning the excessive exploitation of waters in Italy, and in 2015 it also launched a procedure to compel all regions of Italy to adopt the second series of river basin management plans as required by Directive 2000/60/EC.

Can the Commission therefore indicate what action it has taken or intends to take in relation to those procedures in the light of the responses of the Italian authorities?

Does the Commission consider Directive 2000/60/EC to have been infringed in relation to the total drying-up of the Spöl?

Will it promote urgent action to put an end to this environmental disaster?

¹ <http://www.valtellinanews.it/index.php/articoli/Il-prosciugamento-del-fiume-Spol-ed-affluenti-approda-in-Parlamento-20160610>