

**Question for written answer E-005760/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fish kill (due to environmental pollution) and state aid

On 31 August 2017 there was a fish kill near the Solvay plant in Rosignano where there is already a very high incidence of asbestos-related diseases.

The EU protects the marine system through directives, with its communication of 14 December 2005, the Sixth Environmental Action Plan, and its Environment Action Programme 2001-2010 – 'Environment 2010: our future, our choice'. Article 4(2)(e) TFEU, Article 11 TFEU and Article 114, paragraphs 4-5 et seq. TFEU, in addition to Articles 191 to 193 of the Treaty, protect the environment while Articles 38 to 43 TFEU protect fisheries.

There is also an agreement between the Italian Ministry of Economic Development and the Tuscany Region to invest EUR 48.9 million in the protection of the environment at Rosignano, of which EUR 11.6 million in public funding, in breach of Articles 107-108 TFEU which prohibit state aid.

In this area, the National Asbestos Monitoring Centre has recorded an increase in the number of cases of mesothelioma: while, in the period between 1993 and 2008, the incidence was seven times higher than the national average, in the two-year period 2015-2016 it was 25 times higher.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. whether it is aware of any funding being granted to the multinational Solvay in breach of the above-mentioned rules;
2. whether it is aware of the fish kill in the area in front of the industrial wastewater discharges;
3. whether it is aware of the increase in the number of cases of mesothelioma?

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