

**Question for written answer E-001071/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Francesc Gambús (PPE)**

Subject: Changes needed to bring about a sustainable water policy

Commission working document SWD(2017) 153<sup>1</sup> on agriculture and sustainable water management in the European Union, which was published in April 2017, stated that the Commission was about to embark on an assessment of the key components of water policy, such as the Water Framework Directive, the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive and the Floods Directive, and a revision of the Drinking Water Directive. The document also stated that the first-cycle European River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) had estimated that less than half (43%) of natural surface-water bodies had achieved a good ecological status, predicted a 10% improvement by the end of the first planning period in 2015 and forecast that the assessment of the second-cycle plans would be completed by early 2018.

1. Has the Commission already drawn up a timetable for the submission to Parliament and the Council of the legislative package on water policies referred to in the working document?
2. Has it already revised the second-cycle RBMPs for Spain?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/abff972e-203a-4b4e-b42e-a0f291d3fdf9/SWD\\_2017\\_EN\\_V4\\_P1\\_885057.pdf](https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/abff972e-203a-4b4e-b42e-a0f291d3fdf9/SWD_2017_EN_V4_P1_885057.pdf)