

**Question for written answer E-001888/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation of the CJEU judgment on the M-501 motorway project in Madrid

From a legal perspective, the M-501 (Carretera de los Pantanos, or Reservoir Highway) is one of the most controversial infrastructure projects in Spain. The Madrid regional government decided to widen it, to turn it into a motorway, without first carrying out an environmental impact assessment. In 2008, the project was ruled illegal by the Madrid High Court and that ruling was ratified in 2011 by the Spanish Supreme Court. That same year, in response to an application from the Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) also ruled that the project was unlawful.

Four years later, the Commission notified the Spanish Government that there were still 'significant failings and issues in the comprehensive implementation of the CJEU judgment' (infringement files 2006/4340 and 2006/4353).

Furthermore, in the course of the widening works a waste water treatment plant in the municipality of Villaviciosa de Odón was demolished and it has never been replaced. Since 2001, therefore, sewage has been spilling into a protected tributary of the River Guadarrama.

1. What stage has been reached in the procedures concerning the above-mentioned infringement files and others related to the case?
2. Does the Commission consider that the CJEU judgment has been complied with and that the measures proposed to repair the damage caused have been carried out in full?