

Question for written answer E-003557/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Laboratory for monitoring bacteriological and viral contamination of bivalve molluscs

In its response to question E-004403/2017, the Commission admitted it had received no official petition from any Member State regarding the relocation of the EU reference laboratory for monitoring the viral and bacteriological contamination of bivalve molluscs, and that, in addition, on 18 October 2017, it had already decided to close this laboratory down and to reallocate its responsibilities to other EU reference laboratories.

The Xunta de Galicia is now once again announcing that is taking action to unify those responsibilities assigned to the laboratory for monitoring the bacteriological contamination of bivalve molluscs in Galicia.

As such, I would like to know whether the Commission has received an official petition from the Xunta de Galicia or the Spanish government to this end. If so, when did it receive said petition, and, following the decisions made on reallocating the laboratory's responsibilities, would it still be possible to centralise them in a single reference centre, or has this possibility been ruled out?