

**Question for written answer P-000105/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Approval of national river basin management plans in Spain

On 8 January 2016, the Spanish Cabinet approved the national river basin management plans (RBMPs), one week after the deadline set by the Commission. The Spanish Government has ignored the warnings issued by the Commission in its preliminary report on the RBMPs in March 2015. During the public hearing, it was stated in one answer that 'the ecological flow rate of the Ebro Delta in the RBMP for 2015-2021 will be the same as it was in the RBMP for 2009-2015, as approved in 2014.' In the light of the foregoing:

1. What steps is the Commission planning to take in response to the Spanish Government's repeated failure to comply with the deadlines and objectives of the Water Framework Directive?
2. What plans or programmes is the Commission intending to bring in, within the bounds of its remit, to protect the rich environment of the Ebro Delta?
3. What is the Commission's timetable for assessing and approving or rejecting the RBMPs submitted by the Member States?