

**Question for written answer P-002559/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: River basin management plans - schedule

In its answer of 7 March 2016, the Commission stated that it would 'assess the second River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) once they are reported by March 2016. The Commission recalls that, in its role as Guardian of the Treaties, it may take the necessary action, including where appropriate, infringement procedures.' It would seem that some Member States have called for a moratorium on meeting that deadline. In the light of the above, can the Commission state:

whether it knows the dates on which the RBMPs are to be submitted by the 28 Member States for this period and the previous period;

whether it knows how many infringement procedures have been launched against the Spanish Government in respect of infrastructure not authorised under the Water Framework Directive?

In view of its March 2015 report, does it not feel that maintaining the ecological volumes under the previous plan, which did not respond to the needs of protected areas as per the report, are in line with the Water Framework Directive?