

**Question for written answer P-002806/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: CJEU judgment on the Pontevedra Ria

In a decision published on 10 March 2016, the Court of Justice found that the Spain had failed to fulfil its obligations concerning the Pontevedra-Marín-Poio-Bueu agglomeration both under Article 4 of Directive 91/271/EEC on urban waste-water treatment, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1137/2008, and under Article 5(2) and (3) of that directive, as it had not made the necessary provision for all of the urban waste-water discharged in sensitive areas to be treated by the proper processes. This has had serious environmental and financial consequences for the activities carried on at the Pontevedra Ria.

To date the Commission has used the argument of ongoing infringement proceedings to fend off my repeated questions about the state of the ria. However, now that the CJEU has confirmed that the directive has been infringed, what will happen as a result of its ruling? Given the proven infringement, what measures will the Commission take with a view to remedying the situation regarding the ria waters?