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Subject: Updating and assessment of River Basin Management Plans in Italy

In the answer of 3 June 2015 to Question E-004971/2015 (on the investigation EU Pilot 6011/14/ENVI concerning the management of certain rivers), the Commission stated that it had also 'launched another investigation aimed at ensuring that all the Italian regions adopt and implement river basin management plans compliant with Directive 2000/60/EC'.

The answer of 9 August 2016 to Question E-003743/2016 (on the Seveso river) states: 'The Commission will assess the compliance of the updated Italian River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) with the objectives in the Water Framework Directive (WFD) once these are approved by the Italian Government and notified to the Commission.'

However, under the WFD, the updated plans ought to have been approved by 22 December 2015 and notified by 22 March 2016.

Therefore, in view of the importance of the plans for water policy, the repercussions that failure to adopt them could have on other policies (for example cohesion policy), and the Commission's own conclusions (COM/2012/0670 final), according to which 'a more determined effort is needed to ensure achievement of WFD objectives in 2015, 2021 and 2027 cycles', can the Commission indicate the state of play in the two procedures mentioned above?

Moreover, what action will it take to tackle the delay which has already occurred in the second cycle of management plans in Italy?