

**Question for written answer P-001707/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Data on nitrates and definition of groundwater - follow-up to Written Question E-008558/2016

The Nitrates Directive, the Water Framework Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive have the objectives of reducing and preventing water pollution caused or produced by nitrates.

In its answer to my question E-008558/2016, the Commission said it relies on data and reports from the Member States to assess the implementation of these directives.

Can the Commission give details of how measurement data on the quality and nitrate content of water are collected, processed and presented in the individual Member States, particularly as regards the measurement of groundwater and the definition of 'groundwater'?

Are there differences between the individual Member States in the collection, processing and presentation of measurement data on the quality and nitrate content of water as regards the measurement and definition of groundwater?

What will the Commission do in future to ensure uniform data in groundwater measurement, and thus ensure a level playing-field for farmers and others?