

**Question for written answer P-001815/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Directive 2006/7/EC and poor bathing water quality in Reggio Calabria

The aim of Directive 2006/7/EC on the management of bathing water quality is to maintain, safeguard, and improve the quality of the environment and protect human health.

Specifically, the directive provides for the monitoring and classification of bathing water quality and stipulates that it is the Member States' duty to ensure that all bathing waters are of at least 'sufficient' quality.

With regard to bathing water classified as 'poor', however, the directive stipulates that the causes and reasons for the failure to achieve 'sufficient' quality status must be identified and that adequate measures must be adopted to prevent, reduce or eliminate the causes of pollution.

To date, the situation is particularly dire in Reggio Calabria, where, at 10 monitoring points, a temporary bathing ban has been in force since 19 June 2014: after five years, that ban will become permanent.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

- 1) whether in the city of Reggio Calabria the causes and reasons for the failure to achieve 'sufficient' quality status for the bathing water have been identified;
- 2) what measures have been adopted to prevent, reduce or eliminate the causes of pollution of the 'poor' quality water;
- 3) whether it intends to call on the competent regional and city authorities to take immediate action and prevent the imminent adoption of a permanent bathing prohibition order under Article 5(4)(b) of Directive 2006/7/EC?