

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-005479/18**  
**to the Commission**  
**Florent Marcellesi (Verts/ALE)**  
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*Subject:* Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategy: river Henares

An intervention is planned in the river Henares in Guadalajara, Spain, at the point where the river passes through the city. This is part of a project developed by the Guadalajara City Council within the Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategy, 80% of which is financed with European funds.

The project was put out to tender with a deadline of 9 July for submission of bids. It seems that they intend to allocate EUR 1 438 277,90 to a project 1.4 km long, which, according to the Tagus Hydrographic Confederation, is located in an area susceptible to flooding, as has been shown in spring 2018, as well as it being in a special protection area in accordance with regional legislation. Furthermore, the Guadalajara City Council has not opened the project to public consultation.

1. Does the Commission consider the project to be sustainable when it is in an area threatened by floods?
2. Does the Commission intend to monitor and carry out rigorous checks of the Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategy in Guadalajara for the possible misuse of public funding in an unnecessary and unsustainable project?

**Answer given by Ms Crețu on behalf of the European Commission**  
(22 December 2018)

1. The Commission services do not have the details of the project developed by the City of Guadalajara. As a rule, the Commission services are not involved in the evaluation, selection or monitoring of the execution of the projects co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), tasks which are under the responsibility of the national authorities.

Nevertheless, all the projects selected need to comply with the national and European Union legislation.

2. According to the information received from the managing authority of the ERDF, no project has been approved for European financing for the area of intervention 9 'Recuperation of the Ribera del Rio Henares' from the Integrated Sustainable Development Strategy of Guadalajara.

According to the Spanish authorities, the project developed by the City received the authorisation of the Tagus Hydrographic but, currently, it does not meet the necessary requirements to obtain European financing.

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