

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3118/02
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to the Commission

Subject: European Union funding in the water sector

At the World Summit on sustainable development in Johannesburg, which closed on 4 September 2002, the Commission press release dated 3 September stressed that the EU is already investing EUR 1.4 billion per year in scientific cooperation and development aid in the water sector (press release IP/02/1265).

- Under what Community funding instruments has this EUR 1.4 billion investment been made available?
- What is the annual breakdown of this investment between the various European funding programmes concerned?
- If so, what are the respective annual amounts concerned?
- What water projects, by country, have been funded by the EU within the framework of each of these programmes?

At the Johannesburg Summit a “European water initiative” was adopted. How does the Commission intend to develop and implement this initiative? Is the Commission in a position to say whether additional European funding will be made available over and above what has already been invested, and if so, under which funding programmes and for which types of project?