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to the Commission

Subject: Water protection in Corfu

The poor disposal of waste water in Corfu is leading to an increased deterioration in the quality of water. In particular, the waste from olive pressing is ending up in uncontrolled amounts in rivers and eventually in the sea.

As a solution to this, local environmentalists have suggested a variety of possibilities to the authorities in relation to an environmentally friendly way of disposing of the waste from olive pressing, such as a biogas plant which would prevent waste from polluting the environment and where waste could be used to produce energy and manure. The suggestion has already been well received among the media and the general public. Unfortunately, it is just the necessary political commitment which is still lacking.

In light of this, what initiatives has the Commission taken or will it take in order to stop the deterioration in water quality in Corfu and to support environmentally friendly measures for waste water disposal?