

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4442/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Quality of bathing water

The Commission recently published its annual report on the quality of bathing water. This report shows that the majority of bathing areas throughout the EU meet EU bathing water standards.

In particular, some 95% of coastal bathing areas and 89% of rivers and lakes meet the health requirements laid down by EU legislation.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Does it have any specific data per EU Member State on the quality of bathing water?
2. Does it have any comparative data covering the last few decades on the development – i.e. improvement or deterioration – of bathing water standards?