WRITTEN QUESTION E-3178/09 by Corien Wortmann-Kool (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Investment in European inland waterways

Many thanks for your answer of March this year (E-0759/09) in which you indicate that insufficient means had been reserved in the past for the elimination of bottlenecks, maintenance and the upgrading of waterways, bridges and locks. You also state that the contributions had therefore been increased, for which thanks are also due.

You also mention that the European Development Plan for the improvement and maintenance of waterway infrastructure, as proposed by the Naiades Action programme, is currently being prepared within the framework of the Platina platform.

Can the Commission indicate when this development plan will be published?