

**Question for written answer E-8853/2010
to the Commission**

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Subject: Bursting of the banks of a reservoir in Hungary and information about comparable reservoirs in the EU

In view of the bursting of the banks of a reservoir in Hungary on 4 October 2010, many European citizens are seriously concerned about the possibility that the banks of other similar reservoirs in the EU might burst and the possible impact of such industrial accidents on public health and the environment.

1. Does the Commission know how many reservoirs there are in the EU which are comparable to that in Hungary?
2. Is the Commission aware of the risks to health and the environment which such reservoirs entail?
3. How is the Commission, together with the Member States concerned, preparing to prevent such failures of reservoir banks, and what European legislation is applicable?