

**Question for written answer E-003366/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Brancaleone water treatment plant and European funds

In recent days in Brancaleone, the Carabinieri Forestali of Reggio Calabria, following verifications and checks of the sewerage system and the waste water lifting systems, proceeded to preventively seize the local water treatment plant in the Pantano area and the lifting stations used as part of the sewerage system.

As reported in the local press, the officers found that the treatment plant has been completely abandoned, and significant quantities of untreated sewage have spilled into several areas of the town of Brancaleone and its shore, adversely impacting the beaches and compromising environmental and public health.

Since the early 2000s, the Brancaleone water treatment plant has received various European subsidies and funding of approximately EUR 700 000 from the 2007/2013 Calabria ROP (IOP Programme 2011) to bring the treatment plant into operation, build and commission the lifting systems and optimise the entire sewage system.

Will the Commission answer the following questions?

- 1) Does it know how the EU funds intended for the abovementioned works were put to use?
- 2) Will it make every effort to ascertain that the EU funds were properly allocated to the purposes for which they were granted?
- 3) Does it intend to guarantee a high level of protection for human health and the environment in this area, in accordance with Article 191 TFEU?