

**Question for written answer E-000301/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Plans for a new underwater outfall in Praceres

In 2016, after the Commission lodged proceedings against Spain, arguing that poor sanitation levels had put public health at risk, the Court of Justice of the European Union confirmed that waste water in the estuary of the Pontevedra had not been treated properly.

In 2018, Aguas de Galicia presented plans for a new underwater outfall (which have been the subject of more than 300 objections) and announced that it would extend the current treatment plant, with 80% of the financing for the project coming from ERDF funds. The outfall will be in the same place as Praceres, taking up new land in the publicly-owned maritime and terrestrial space, will be in breach of the rule that it must be a minimum of 200 metres from housing and will affect the shellfish beds of Lourizán, Raxó, Lourido, San Telmo and Bueu, compounding the area's existing problems. The plan is to move the waste water discharge point to inside the estuary, maintaining *E. coli* contamination and keeping the same discharge point for Ence, without taking into account organic nitrogen, ammoniacal or total phosphorus contamination or biological oxygen demands, at the risk of continuing to breach Directive 91/271/EEC.

How much does the Commission know about the project and, taking into account the enormous investment of EU funds, what is its assessment of it?