

**Question for written answer E-001456/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
Michael Cramer (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: Planned weir-and-lock system on the River Elbe near Děčín in the Czech Republic

In connection with the dispute about the planned weir-and-lock system on the River Elbe near Děčín, the Czech Government has stated that it would like to negotiate an 'eco discount' with the Commission. In the estimation of the Czech Ministry of the Environment, however, the ecological harm resulting from the weir-and-lock system cannot be offset.

In the judgment of the Commission, can ecological harm near Děčín be offset? What does it base that judgment on?