

**Question for written answer E-000938/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Water treatment in Calabria: progress made with Calabrian water treatment programme

The water treatment system in Calabria has long been in a parlous state, despite investment of over EUR 1 billion in national government funding and hundreds of millions in EU funding over the last 20 years.

At present, around half the conurbations in Calabria are still facing major water treatment problems, as evidenced by infringement proceedings 2017/2181 and the previous proceedings 2004/2034 (which ended with an EUCJ ruling against Italy) and 2014/2059.

Under the water treatment schedules adopted by the Calabrian regional authorities <sup>1</sup>, many measures to improve matters in response to the infringement proceedings should already have been launched last December or even earlier. In certain cases (Mesoraca, Montebello Ionico, Motta San Giovanni and Siderno) they should already have been completed.

The 'Calabria water treatment database' has not been updated since April 2019, despite plans to do so every six months (monitoring committee meetings of 2 February 2018 and 10 July 2018). In view of this:

1. Can the Commission confirm that the scheduled works have commenced in the Calabrian conurbations targeted by infringement proceedings 2004/2034 and 2014/2059?
2. Can it confirm that the works have been completed and that infringement proceedings have accordingly been halted in respect of the above conurbations?
3. What Calabria ROP funding for 2014-2020 has already been channelled into improving the efficiency of Calabrian water treatment plant?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.regione.calabria.it/website/organizzazione/dipartimento2/subsite/banca\\_dati\\_depurazione/](https://www.regione.calabria.it/website/organizzazione/dipartimento2/subsite/banca_dati_depurazione/)