

Question for written answer E-003976/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Delays in building the new wastewater treatment plant in Bova Marina

DGR ¹ No 185 of 29.3.2007 provided for the 'Construction of a wastewater treatment plant, discharge pipe and section of sewer in the municipality of Bova Marina', for a total amount of EUR 3 754 147, under the 2000-2006 regional operational programme (ROP) for Calabria.

Following legal action, the work – initially contracted out – was halted and was then excluded from the 2000-2006 ROP for Calabria.

Subsequently, given the importance of the project in terms of local environmental and public health protection, the work was nevertheless given financial coverage, through the savings of the FSC 2000-2006, for the readjusted amount of EUR 4 212 912.

Given that the length of time elapsed meant that the executive project – initially approved in 2003 – needed to be revised, and in view also of the lengthy bureaucratic procedures and feasibility studies required, to date the new wastewater treatment plant exists only on paper.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does it not agree that the lack of a functioning wastewater treatment plant in the urban agglomeration of Bova Marina could lead to serious and irreparable damage to public health and environmental protection?
2. In its view, can such endless administrative and planning delays be justified?
3. Will it call on the local authorities responsible to speed up the procedure relating to the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant?

¹ Decision of the Regional Executive