Question for written answer E-005511/2020 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Availability of funds for the dredging of the O Burgo estuary by the Spanish Government

In a Communication to the members of the Parliament's Committee on Petitions of 8 June 2020, the Commission stated that 'the Spanish authorities intend to address ... the dredging of the bed of the [O Burgo] estuary [in A Coruña (Spain)] in order to remove the polluted mud. Accordingly, the Spanish authorities have prepared a dredging project, in respect of which an environmental impact assessment has already been carried out. However, since they have not managed to secure the necessary funds to carry out this investment, the dredging activities have not yet started'.

According to the document, the Commission undertakes to 'closely monitor the implementation of the dredging operation of the O Burgo estuary, for which ERDF funding has been awarded'.

Does the Commission know whether the Spanish authorities currently have sufficient funds assigned to be able to co-finance the dredging of the O Burgo estuary?