

**Question for written answer E-006693/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Non-compliance of the Natural River Reserve of the River Deza (Galicia) with the National Hydrological Plan

The Galician Government plans to abstract drinking water from the River Deza (Lalín), in an area of the Natura 2000 network containing endangered species. This could cause significant ecological damage, as the plan is in breach of Spain's National Hydrological Plan, which has designated this river a 'Natural River Reserve' protected from 'future supply abstractions'. Therefore, according to Law 11/2005 on hydrological planning, such a plan could only be justified if there are no alternatives. No alternatives have been proposed and the decision is in breach of the Water Framework Directive.

Does the Commission think that the Galician authorities should do more to find alternatives, as proposed by the law transposing the directive, in order not to damage a river declared to be of high ecological interest?