

**Question for written answer E-007081/2020/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU project in Madagh, Berkane Province (Morocco)

In Madagh, a town in the Berkane province of Morocco, a waste-water treatment project for the Agropole industrial park (lot 2) is currently under way. The project involves waste water transfer and the installation of a piping system for treated water. It is funded by the EU and the European Investment Bank. The project should help to safeguard natural resources and protect the environment, by securing and improving access to drinking water for small and medium-sized urban areas in Morocco. The project should improve the quality of safe water supply services and living conditions and boost economic growth and social integration.

However, local residents are now calling for the project to be stopped and moved far away from their homes. They are critical of the fact that they were barely consulted, if at all, and that the main water storage tank is being installed only a few metres from their homes.

1. In the Commission's view, is the project being implemented properly and are the local residents' grievances justified?
2. Will it call for the project to be suspended immediately until such time as residents have received all the guarantees that they are requesting?
3. Are the contracts and agreements that have been signed with local authorities accessible to the public?