

**Question for written answer E-001431/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Improvements to the Calabrian water treatment system

The Calabrian water treatment system has been in a very poor state for years, despite the sector receiving considerable amounts of public investment. Infringement procedures 2004/2034, 2014/2059 and 2017/2181 concerned a number of agglomerations in the Calabria region.

In the first procedure, Italy was fined for violating Directive 91/271/EEC. In the second, Italy was referred to the Court of Justice of the European Union. The third procedure has reached the reasoned opinion stage.

As it stands, measures to improve the Calabrian water treatment sector under the region's operational programme for 2014-2020 and infringement procedures 2004/2034 and 2014/2059 are still ongoing. It is not known whether any action will be taken regarding the systems belonging to the Calabrian agglomerations that are the subject of procedure 2017/2181.

In the light of the fact that the information in the 'Calabria water treatment database' portal was updated in April 2020 and no information was given regarding procedure 2017/2081:

1. How much of the certified expenditure, some EUR 66 million from the European Regional Development Fund, was earmarked for measures to make the Calabrian water treatment sector more efficient?
2. How many of the 23 projects (c.f. E-004425/2020(ASW)) financed with EU funds have been completed and tested?
3. Does the Commission know of any measures taken to improve the efficiency of the Calabrian agglomerations that are the subject of infringement procedure 2017/2181, or what the Calabria region is doing to address the problem?