

**Question for written answer E-002513/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Regional operational plan (ROP) for Calabria 2021-2027 and failure to reform the water and waste sector

In the context of the ongoing consultations, still under way, between the Commission and Italy on the drafting of the Partnership Agreement for the 2021-2027 programming cycle, the Commission has on several occasions stressed the importance of fulfilling the enabling conditions for all regions. To that end, Member States are supposed to submit, together with the Partnership Agreement, an analysis of the fulfilment of those enabling conditions.

In this regard, therefore, the continuing delay in the reforms of the integrated water service (IWS) and waste management sectors in Calabria is of particular concern. More specifically, almost four years after the Integrated Water Authority was established, the form of management of the IWS has not yet been decided.

Similarly, in the field of waste management, in its reply to question E-006733/2020 the Commission said that it had not yet officially received the revised and updated regional waste management plan and waste prevention programme.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. whether the delays in fulfilling the above-mentioned 'enabling conditions' will result in delays in the approval of the Calabria ROP for 2021-2027;
2. whether this inertia with regard to 'regional reforms' risks jeopardising the launch and achievement of the objectives set out in the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP);
3. what measures it intends to take to put an end to these delays?