

**Question for written answer E-004426/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Pollution of the Travassos stream

The new Nelas III wastewater treatment plant opened in June 2021 after an investment of EUR 5 million. As soon as it started operating, instances of pollution were recorded along the Travassos stream (a tributary of the River Dão), specifically at the site of the Poço da Relva, in Beijós, in the municipality of Carregal do Sal, as a result of the pollutants being spewed out by the plant.

The current state of the Travassos stream and Poço da Relva is worrying – particularly in view of the zone’s environmental, ecological and landscape value – as it is damaging local flora and fauna and adversely impacting the quality of life of residents in Beijós and Carregal do Sal.

This state of affairs constitutes a breach of the Water Framework Directive, which was incorporated into Portuguese law by Act 58/2005 of 29 December 2005.

In view of the above, and given that responsibility for the polluter falls to the Portuguese State, what steps will the Commission take to compel Portugal to comply with the Water Framework Directive for the protection of the Travassos stream?