

**Question for written answer E-000203/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible breaches of law in project to increase irrigation in Doñana

In June 2021, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) settled the Commission's complaint against Spain regarding the deterioration of the Doñana protected natural area. It ruled that, because water had been illegally abstracted in that area, a number of provisions of the Water Framework Directive and the Habitats Directive had been breached.

The Court's judgment obliges the Spanish authorities to take a series of measures to put a stop to those infringements 'con la mayor brevedad' ('as soon as possible').

In a move that runs counter to the conclusions of the CJEU judgment, the Andalusian Autonomous Parliament and Government are currently promoting legislation under which the amount of irrigable agricultural land in Doñana would be increased.

In the light of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of Spain's implementation of the judgment's conclusions and mandatory measures?
2. What view does the Commission take of the current developments in the Doñana National Park and its forest crown?
3. Does the Commission believe that the initiative to extend irrigable agricultural land and increase irrigation runs counter to the CJEU's judgement or that it will affect the Doñana protected natural area?