

**Question for written answer E-000227/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
Engin Eroglu (Renew)

Subject: Discharging of salt into the River Werra (II)

In my question E-002581/2020, I pointed to the environmental problems resulting from salt discharges into the Werra. In its reply, the Commission made clear that it is monitoring the situation, stating that it could 'reassess the situation at any point in time if there is evidence that the relevant authorities and concerned stakeholders fail to implement the management plan in a timely and adequate manner'.

Under the new management plan – according to press reports – deterioration of the Werra to an even greater extent is possible. This is because the Water Framework Directive derogation allows for less stringent management objectives to be set for bodies of water where achievement of good ecological status is not possible.

1. Does the Commission realise that that derogation constitutes recompense for past pollution?
2. Is the Commission considering taking further action on this matter?