

Question for written answer E-000687/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Upgrade of the Calabrian water treatment system

As pointed out in previous questions, Calabria's water treatment system has been in a deplorable state for years, despite receiving substantial public investment.

Ongoing infringement procedures 2004/2034, 2014/2059 and 2017/2181 concern many agglomerations in Calabria.

In the first procedure, Italy was fined for violating Directive 91/271/EEC.

The second case concluded with the first CJEU ruling against Italy, handed down on 6 October 2021.

The third procedure has reached the reasoned opinion stage (Article 258 TFEU).

What is more, almost five years after the Calabrian Water Authority, or AIC, was set up to overhaul the regional optimum territorial unit's integrated water service, a director has yet to be chosen.

Lastly, given that the information on the portal for Calabria's water treatment database was supposed to be updated biannually but has not been since April 2020, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Of the EUR 66 million in ERDF funds initially made available, how much of that spent under ROP Calabria 2014-2020 on the water treatment sector has been certified to date?
2. How many of the 23 EU-funded upgrades to the water treatment system (E-001431/2021) have been completed and tested?
3. How many Calabrian agglomerations are still involved in the above-mentioned infringement procedures?