

**Question for written answer E-001433/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Water quality in the Delta municipality of Thessaloniki

The residents of the Delta municipality of Thessaloniki are very concerned about the quality of their water supply. More specifically, in Kymina, Nea Malgara and Vrachia, laboratory tests have revealed excessive concentrations of arsenic and chlorides and microbiological parameters exceeding the relevant limits, which makes the water unsuitable for drinking and cooking.

To resolve this issue, the competent division of the Ministry of Development and Investment decided to include the Act on the 'Construction of a water supply network for the areas of Kymina and Malgara from the Thessaloniki Water Supply and Sewerage Company (EYATH) water pumping station in Chalastra', OPS Code 5112099, in the cofinanced 2014-2020 Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development Operational Programme, with implementation due to start on 1 December 2021.

The operational programme was approved by Commission Decision C(2014)10160 of 18 December 2014¹.

In view of this:

1. What data does the Commission have regarding the water quality in these areas?
2. What progress has been made on this project to date, and what is the Commission's assessment of this progress based on the approved schedule and objectives?
3. Will the competent European audit bodies be carrying out field inspections, as provided for in the operational programme rules?

¹ CCI number: 2014GR16M1OP001