1. Oil extraction activities in Val d’Agri have been a source of concern for many years and in 2014 the Commission opened an EU Pilot investigation. The various answers received from the Italian authorities from 2014 to 2017 were based on monitoring activities carried out by the regional Environmental Authority (ARPAB) and excluded significant contamination of the lake under the applicable parameters. After thorough assessment of the information received, which was credible and based on monitoring data, the investigation was therefore closed in 2019 on the basis of the information available at that stage.

2. The deadline for transposing the revised Drinking Water Directive \(^1\) is 12 January 2023 and the Commission cannot yet draw conclusions on conformity and even less on compliance with its provisions. Until 12 January 2023, Member States must comply with the requirements of the existing Drinking Water Directive \(^2\) and without prejudice to the Commission’s role as guardian of the Treaties, the national authorities are primarily responsible to make sure its provisions are complied with and are best placed to carry out investigations on the spot. From the information available it seems that the national authorities, including judicial ones, are taking action in this case.

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