

**Question for written answer E-003362/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Lyon-Turin rail connection – Non-compliance with the Water Framework Directive

The Lyon-Turin rail link project includes the drilling of several tunnels (base tunnel and access lanes) under the Chartreuse, Épine, Belledonne, Glandon and Ambin mountain ranges. The work will require draining of the aquifers encountered during the drilling of tunnels involving volumes of tens to hundreds of million cubic metres per year. Degrading water bodies in this way (qualitatively and quantitatively) raises questions of compliance with EU water legislation.

As the project is partly financed by the Connecting Europe Facility, the Commission, through its European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), has at its disposal the schedule of the work carried out and to be carried out.

1. Does the Commission therefore consider that the work already carried out and the planned works, in particular the drilling of tunnels and the draining of aquifers, comply with the provisions of Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive), in particular with Article 4(6) and (7) thereof?
2. If it does, can the Commission provide evidence of compliance with the provisions of Directive 2000/60/EC?