

**Question for written answer E-003719/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Adoption of maritime spatial plans (MSPs) by the Government of Spain

As part of last May's infringements package¹, the Commission sent letters of formal notice to Spain (INFR (2022) 2027) and Bulgaria (INFR (2022) 2025) regarding compliance with Directive 2014/89/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning.

The Directive required coastal Member States to draw up maritime spatial plans no later than 31 March 2021, and to submit copies of the plans to the Commission and other Member States concerned within three months of their publication. As the Commission rightly stated, Spain failed to comply with that time-limit.

After the letter of formal notice was sent, Spain had two months to reply and address the shortcomings raised by the Commission. In the absence of a satisfactory reply, the Commission indicated that it could decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

1. Has Spain replied to the Commission's letter of formal notice?
2. What is the state of play regarding the drawing up of Maritime Spatial Plans (MSPs) by the Spanish Government?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_22_2548