

**Question for written answer E-003975/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Verifying the monitoring of radioactivity from nuclear waste off the coast of Galicia

In October 2021, the Commission organised a mission for the verification of arrangements for monitoring radioactivity off the coast of Galicia in the Atlantic Trench, 300 nautical miles north-west of Finisterre, where a number of European countries had been dumping drums with radioactive waste (around 140 000 tonnes) from 1949 to 1982.

In answer to question E-002829/2019, the Commission confirmed that it had included the monitoring of marine radioactivity off the coast of Galicia in its 2020 verification mission programme, in accordance with Article 35 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community. It also indicated that the dates of the verification mission were currently being negotiated with the Spanish authorities.

Can the Commission confirm whether the mission has been carried out, and if so, what were the findings thereof regarding the current condition of this radioactive waste and its possible effects, bearing in mind that we do not yet have this information?

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