

**Question for written answer E-004121/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Pollutants discharged into the Radivau stream in Viana do Castelo

The River Neiva starts in Vila Verde and runs through several municipalities – Vila Verde, Ponte de Lima, Barcelos, Esposende and Viana de Castelo – before flowing into the Atlantic Ocean. One of its tributaries is the Radivau stream, which passes through the parish of São Romão do Neiva.

The stream has been damaged by pollutants discharged into it by local businesses.

Responding to the Left Bloc, the Portuguese Government has acknowledged that ‘there are unapproved connections to the storm water drainage system, which are polluting the watercourse.’ It also says it has detected ‘the unauthorised disposal of water from a hydrocarbon separator at IVECO’ and ‘practices that could cause wastewater and/or washwater to be discharged into the storm water drainage network’ at other companies.

This is a dire state of affairs that undermines provisions of the Water Framework Directive<sup>1</sup> and must be swiftly addressed.

With a view to protecting the Radivau stream, what steps will the Commission take to urge Portugal to ensure the framework directive is followed?

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<sup>1</sup> Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 transposed in Portugal by means of Law No 58/2005 of 29 December.