

**Question for written answer E-001029/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Water crisis

Almost half of the world's population suffers from water shortages, while other regions such as Europe and North America have abundant water, but face other challenges such as pollution and overexploitation¹. The different causes of this water crisis are, for example, population growth, industrial agriculture, political conflicts and climate change. The effects of the water crisis are felt at various levels, from individual health problems to social unrest and migration.

1. What concrete measures is the Commission taking to reduce water pollution and improve the availability of clean water in the Union?
2. How does the Commission plan to address the water crisis in different regions of the Union, while ensuring that all citizens have access to safe drinking water?
3. What role does the Commission play in promoting the sustainable management of water resources in the Union?

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¹ <https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000144805022/zu-wenig-zu-viel-zu-verseucht-die-welt-im-sog>