

**Question for written answer E-001159/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Extracting nitrogen and phosphates from wastewater

Owing to the shortage of fertilisers and their increased prices, it is necessary to explore all avenues in order to re-establish a secure and affordable supply for our farmers.

Therefore, the proposal of Water Europe, a lobby representing large water companies, deserves our full attention.

In a *Contexte* article of 8 March 2023, it claims that it would be possible to extract nitrogen and phosphates from wastewater, where they can be found in significant quantities, and reuse them for agricultural purposes.

Besides reducing the amount of pollution that our wastewater releases in the environment, this would also have the advantage of creating a new source of fertilisers for our agricultural sector.

What does the Commission think about this proposal? Does it intend to set targets for the recovery of nitrogen and phosphates from wastewater?

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