

**Question for written answer E-002872/2023**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** New evidence of movement on the right bank of the Yesa dam

The Ebro Hydrographic Confederation (CHE) has admitted that the extension of the Yesa dam will now not be completed until 30 November 2027 owing to landslides that have taken place on the right banks of the dam. Work on the extension began 22 years ago.

Subsequent studies by the Government of Navarre (Geoconsult), the Municipality of Sangüesa (Ingeotyc)<sup>1</sup>, the Association of Civil Engineers and the EU's Copernicus programme have made clear that the slopes of the Yesa are moving and deteriorating and that there is no guarantee that they will be stable in the future, particularly in the event of heavy rainfall or earthquakes, which could have catastrophic consequences, as we have recently seen in Libya.

On the basis of Directives 2007/60/EC<sup>2</sup> and 2000/60/EC<sup>3</sup> of the European Parliament, and in accordance with the application of the principle of prudence, I would like to ask the following questions:

1. Does the Commission consider that infrastructure safe for people living in the Aragon river basin?
2. With a view to ensuring that the dam will be totally safe, does the Commission intend to recommend that the project be scrutinised or brought to a halt?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sanguesa.es/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Resumen-Ingeotyc-YESA-2020-1.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32007L0060>

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32000L0060>