

**Question for written answer E-003484/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Complaints concerning the Turów mine

In its answer to Parliamentary Question E-001280/2022(ASW)¹ of 23 May 2022, the Commission stated that with regard to mining in the Turów mine, it was assessing the bilateral settlement between Poland and Czechia and would decide on the next steps to be taken in due course based on the outcome of that assessment. It also stated that it was assessing the outstanding legal questions in the light of the opinion delivered by the Advocate General.

1. Given the time that has passed since the Commission's reply and several complaints submitted to it in relation to the Turów mine, will the Commission bring an action against Poland for violating the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive², the Access to Environmental Information Directive³ and the Environmental Liability Directive⁴?
2. Given that pipes for drinking water in areas damaged by the Turów mine will be paid for from EU funds (the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund), will the Commission bring an action against Czechia for violating the 'polluter pays' principle?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-001280-ASW_EN.html

² Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, OJ L 124, 25.4.2014, p. 1.

³ Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC, OJ L 41, 14.2.2003, p. 26.

⁴ Directive 2004/35/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage, OJ L 143, 30.4.2004, p. 56.