

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0626/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: The Spanish NHP alternatives

The Spanish Government has submitted its request for European funding for transferring water from the River Ebro, as part of the Spanish NHP. As the Commission has already stated on several occasions, the vast scale of the water transfer means that a global assessment of the scheme will be carried out.

If the Commission finds against this global assessment, is it correct to state that the earmarked Community funding will not be allocated to this scheme?

Does the Commission know whether the Spanish Government has alternative schemes ready, should Community funding be refused for the Ebro water transfer scheme submitted?

What will happen to the funds earmarked for Spain?