

**Question for written answer P-005018/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Water treatment in Calabria and infringement procedure 2017/2181

With a letter of formal notice under Article 258 TFEU, on 19 July 2018 the Commission initiated its fourth infringement procedure (No 2017/2181) against Italy for its failure to properly apply the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive.

At present, the procedure involves 276 agglomerations with more than 2 000 inhabitants, a substantial part of which, yet again, includes agglomerations in Calabria.

For years, the water treatment system in Calabria has been in a critical state, despite investment in the sector of over EUR 1 billion in national government funding and hundreds of millions of euro in EU funding.

At present, in the light of infringement procedure 2017/2181 and of the previous procedures 2004/2034 (which ended with a ruling against Italy by the CJEU) and 2014/2059, around half of Calabrian agglomerations continue to have major water treatment problems.

Can the Commission therefore say:

- 1) how many Calabrian agglomerations – and which ones, specifically – are involved in infringement procedure 2017/2181;
- 2) whether the Managing Authority of the ERDF - ESF Calabria Programme has already included the 'new agglomerations' in its timetable for measures co-financed by the EU;
- 3) whether it believes that the measures hitherto adopted by the Calabrian regional authorities are sufficient to ensure that waste water treatment complies in full with EU legislation, or whether it deems it necessary to adopt appropriate measures to that end?