

**Priority question for written answer P-005504/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

**Grace O'Sullivan** (Verts/ALE)

**Subject:** Implementation and enforcement of EU environmental law

The EU has strong laws to protect people, animals and the environment. But these rules are often implemented only half-heartedly or not at all by the Member States and the EU regions<sup>1</sup>.

1. In a Special Area of Conservation protected by the Habitats Directive, Ireland's largest freshwater mussel colonies face extinction from agricultural slurry. When will the Commission launch infringement procedures?
2. Heavy metal emissions from the San Finx tin and tungsten mine in Spain are polluting Natura 2000 sites in breach of the Habitats and Water Framework Directives. Following two complaints, when will the Commission open infringement procedures?
3. Denmark is failing to reduce nitrogen pollution from agriculture in breach of the Water Framework, Nitrates and Habitats Directives. On what grounds was PILOT 8540/16/ENVI, which was opened in 2016, closed and what will the Commission do to ensure that Denmark lives up to the above-mentioned EU legislation in the immediate future?

**Supporters<sup>2</sup>**

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://sven-giegold.de/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Major-Interpellation-EU-ENV-implementation.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> This question is supported by Members other than the author: Margrete Auken (Verts/ALE), Rosa D'Amato (Verts/ALE), Bas Eickhout (Verts/ALE), Eleonora Evi (Verts/ALE), Sven Giegold (Verts/ALE), Martin Häusling (Verts/ALE), Jutta Paulus (Verts/ALE), Marie Toussaint (Verts/ALE)