

**Priority question for written answer P-001065/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Modernisation works along the border river Oder as part of a flood-protection project in the Oder and Vistula drainage basins

The modernisation works planned by the Republic of Poland along the border river Oder as part of a flood-protection project in the Oder and Vistula river basins (Decision of the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Szczecin of 18 March 2020, reference WONS-OŚ.4233.1.2017.KK.68) constitute a project with transboundary environmental effects.

The Brandenburg Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Climate Protection lodged an appeal against this decision on 13 August 2020<sup>1</sup>.

On 3 January 2022, the Directorate-General for Environmental Protection of the Republic of Poland announced the publication of a 'Supplement to the EIA Report' (DOOŚ-WDŚZOO.420.24.2020.aka.81), available only in Polish. Given its size (1456 pages), this does not constitute a mere supplement to the EIA report, but rather a fundamentally revised EIA report.

Recent press reports indicate that works on the Polish side have already started<sup>2</sup>.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the breaches of national and EU law mentioned in the appeal?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take with regard to the continuation of the project by Poland, and how does the Commission assess the start of the work despite the appeal?
3. Does the Commission consider that the publication of official documents solely in Polish in the event of potential transboundary environmental effects is compatible with the Espoo Conventions?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mluk.brandenburg.de/mluk/de/umwelt/fachuebergreifendes-umweltrecht/umweltpruefung/umweltvertraeglichkeitspruefung/grenzueberschreitende-uvp/polnischer-umweltbescheid-fuer-modernisierungsarbeiten-am-grenzfluss-oder/#>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.moz.de/nachrichten/brandenburg/oderausbau-in-polen-umstrittener-ausbau-der-oder-gestartet--warum-werden-bedenken-uebergangen\\_-62709423.html](https://www.moz.de/nachrichten/brandenburg/oderausbau-in-polen-umstrittener-ausbau-der-oder-gestartet--warum-werden-bedenken-uebergangen_-62709423.html)