

**Priority question for written answer P-002023/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: State of the art in planning and upgrading Calabria's water purification and sewage systems

In August 2021 the region of Calabria's environmental protection department announced, in a report published on its website, yet another ambitious programme of more than a thousand interventions concerning the integrated water cycle, with a view to overcoming the long-established problems hindering the water purification and supply system.

This question specifically refers to interventions (some 160¹) planned and already financed and cited in infringement procedures No 2034/2004, No 2059/2014 and No 2181/2017 that have been recommenced.

Two years on from this umpteenth programme and just a few months from the spending deadlines set in the regional operative programme (ROP) for 2014-2020, and given that the most recent information on the progress in work on these measures dates from December 2021 and that no updates have been provided on Calabria's 'purification database' portal for years, can the Commission say:

- (1) How many of the aforementioned 160 interventions have been completed and inspected?
- (2) Of the EUR 66 million in ERDF funds initially made available, how much of that spent under ROP Calabria 2014-2020 on the water treatment sector has been certified to date?
- (3) How many of the 174 Calabrian conurbations (E-000687/2022 (ASW)) are still concerned by the aforementioned infringement procedures?

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¹ <https://www.regione.calabria.it/website/portaltemplates/view/print.cfm?24408>