

**Question for written answer P-004807/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Waste water treatment on the Upper Moselle in Luxembourg

A European Commission consultation is currently underway on the implementation of the waste water directive to find out what effect Directive 91/271/EEC has had across the EU in relation to the collection and treatment of urban waste water and how it has improved the state of water and the environment in general.

One need only glance at the data published so far by the European Environment Agency on the urban waste water directive to see that the waste water treatment that has taken place to date on the Luxembourg section of the Upper Moselle, for example, has been either non-existent or inadequate. This is all the more surprising given that Luxembourg has designated its entire territory as a 'sensitive area'.

Could the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

- 1) How are the data and maps published by the European Environment Agency evaluated?
- 2) What steps are being taken to ensure appropriate treatment and disposal of urban waste water on the Upper Moselle?
- 3) Which Member States have shown particular shortcomings?