

**Priority question for written answer P-000893/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Dredging of Bystroye Canal by Ukraine in the Danube Delta

Following the unilateral decision by Ukraine to dredge the Bystroye Canal in the Danube Delta biosphere reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and given that such an operation requires notification of its neighbouring country, Romania, what measures will the Commission take to protect the Danube Delta, a unique wildlife reserve in Europe, and ensure compliance with international conventions and regulations, including those applicable to the conservation of the Danube?

Given that Ukraine has recently signed an association agreement with the European Union, it is reasonable to expect it to comply with EU and international rules currently in force.

For over a year now, Romania has been providing support and assistance to the beleaguered Ukrainian people in their bitter conflict with Russia. At the same time, however, as a neighbouring country, it has the right to respect for its own territory.

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