

**Question for written answer E-001776/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Information on the management and financing of the urban wastewater treatment works in Scordia (CT)

The municipality of Scordia's (CT) sewage system is in urgent need of upgrading and expanding so as to comply with EU directives and to prevent any further damage to the local environment. Despite the urgent nature of and clear need for this work, concerns have been raised as to delays in implementing them and the lack of transparency in the financing process¹.

The project, which includes upgrading the Scordia purification plant and building a wastewater collector stretching from Militello to Scordia is slated to cost a total of EUR 21 million². Although a proportion of these funds has been allocated under the Fund for Development and Cohesion (FSC) for 2025-2028, there remain question marks as to where the remaining EUR 15.6 will come from and what the timetable for completing the work will be³.

This uncertainty has been aggravated by potential penalties for infringing Directive 91/271/EEC, which are liable to incur further costs for developing the area⁴.

Can the Commission, therefore, answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware of the reasons for the delay in the work to upgrade the Scordia purification plant and can it provide clarification on the lack of transparency as to the timeframe and funding needed for completing the project?
2. How much are the fines for non-compliance with Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban wastewater treatment, specifically for the municipality of Scordia, and what measures have been or will be taken to avoid further penalties and aggravating the dispute with the EU?

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¹ Measures planned by the single extraordinary commissioner for water purification as part of the project: <https://commissariounicodepurazione.it/provvedimenti/?numero=&anno=&comune=&cipe=&fr=scordia>.

² 'Upgrading of the Scordia purification plant – Project completion' and 'Construction wastewater collector from Militello to the Scordia purification plant': https://www2.regione.sicilia.it/deliberegiunta/file/giunta/allegati/N.192_22.05.2024.pdf (ID: FSCRI_RI_3406).

³ Information on the management and financing of the programme budget: <https://opencoesione.gov.it/it/dati/progetti/1si9709/> (cod. ID 33396 e ID 33541 – Delibera CIPE n. 60/2012 – CUP: F77B14000260006).

⁴ Details on penalties for the infringement of Directive 91/271/EEC: <https://commissariounicodepurazione.it/depurazione-il-commissario-straordinario-unico-fabio-fatuzzo-fa-il-punto-sugli-impianti-in-sicilia/>.