

**Question for written answer E-001237/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Managing climate emergencies and supporting people affected by floods in Emilia-Romagna

The Emilia-Romagna Region's 2013 Flood Risk Management Plan already reported a number of problems, including fragile banks and excessive vegetation in embanked lowland watercourses.

Article 10 of Directive 2007/60/EC requires the public to be informed of the risk of flooding, and Italian Legislative Decree 2010 No 49 – which transposes the aforementioned Directive in Italy – assigns the management of the alert system to the regions. The Emilia-Romagna Region does not seem to have acted on this ahead of the floods of May 2023 and September 2024, thus preventing effective preventive measures from being taken.

Satellite images from April 2023 show the region's rivers in a state of severe neglect, lacking maintenance and at high risk of flooding.

In the light of the above:

1. Could the Commission check whether the Emilia-Romagna Region has complied with Directive 2007/60/EC, particularly in managing flood risk on the Lamone river and on the rivers Idice, Sillaro, Ravone, Ronco, Bidente, Savio, Santerno, Senio, Savena, Marecchia and Montone?
2. Could the Commission request clarification on the failure to maintain rivers and the alleged failure to inform and involve the public, by ensuring transparency on the steps taken?
3. Could the Commission call for urgent action, such as the removal of vegetation in problematic stretches of rivers, the strengthening of banks, and the continuous monitoring and remediation of porcupine and coypu burrows to prevent future floods?

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