

**Question for written answer E-001303/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Waste water management and use of NRRP funds in the province of Caltanissetta: investigation into water treatment failures and suspicious financial flows

The investigation into Caltaqua – the water company for the province of Caltanissetta – and its Spanish parent company Aqualia has raised serious concerns about waste water management and suspicious financial transactions involving unexplained money flows¹.

Tests carried out by ARPA² found high levels of pollution, indicating almost direct discharges into water bodies.

This goes hand in hand with the worrying lack of proper authorisation for many waste water treatment plants, with only 17.5 % operating legally.

Recently, Sicily was granted admission to national recovery and resilience plan (NRRP) funding for 19 projects, including significant funding of EUR 21.5 million for operations directly managed by the Assemblea Territoriale Idrica ATI Caltanissetta – the municipal body that manages water resources. However, there are concerns about how efficiently these funds are used and about the need for stronger EU supervision to ensure transparent and efficient use of resources.

In light of the above:

1. What steps does the Commission intend to take, given the continuing poor management of the sewerage and waste water treatment system by Caltaqua/Aqualia and the ongoing adverse effects on environmental resources since 2006?
2. What does the Commission make of the results from Italy's Special Commission for Waste Water Treatment, given that the four EU infringement procedures concerning the collection and treatment of waste water are still ongoing?
3. Does the Commission intend to check with the competent authorities whether the NRRP funds allocated to waste water management in Sicily have been properly used?

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¹ <https://meridionews.it/indagine-acqua-caltanissetta-depuratori/>.

² Caltanissetta's regional environmental protection agency.