

**Question for written answer E-002059/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Devastation in the Evros Delta as Turkish dams restrict flow

For the second year in a row, the entry of sea water into the Evros Delta has led to mass deaths of freshwater fish, resulting in the economic collapse of dozens of families of fishermen and breeders. In line with their complaints, the main cause is the closure of the storm dams built by the Turkish authorities on the River Evros, preventing the necessary flow of fresh water into the delta. Despite the fact that authorities have been aware of this phenomenon for years, no substantial support or compensation has been given.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following:

1. Is it aware that Türkiye is restricting the flow of the River Evros by means of unilateral action that is causing serious environmental and economic repercussions in an EU Member State?
2. What measures could it take to help ensure cross-border water management based on international law and good neighbourliness?
3. Are there any EU funding tools to support the affected professional fishermen and breeders in the region, who are suffering the consequences without any state compensation?

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