

**Question for written answer E-002856/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Pollution in the River UI – municipality of Oliveira de Azeméis (Portugal)

The source of the River UI is in Fajões, in São Mamede, in Portugal. It flows through the municipality of Oliveira de Azeméis and is an important watercourse for the local ecosystem and the quality of life of those who live nearby.

In recent weeks, residents have raised numerous complaints, citing obvious signs of pollution in the river, including persistent white foam and an intense, unpleasant odour that even reaches neighbouring homes.

This evidence indicates the presence of polluting discharges that are potentially industrial or domestic in origin and pose a risk to the environment, public health and local biodiversity. The situation could be a breach of the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000).

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
2. Does the Commission believe that the situation could breach the obligations laid down in Directive 2000/60/EC, in particular as regards the protection of the quality of surface water bodies?
3. Is the Commission in a position to urge the relevant municipal authorities to investigate and, where appropriate, take immediate corrective action to ensure EU environmental legislation is followed?

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