

**Question for written answer E-003109/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Persistent delays in compliance with Directive 91/271/EEC in the conurbation of Cosenza-Rende and EU sanctions

Within the framework of infringement procedure 2004/2034 (Case C-251/17), Italy was found to have breached Directive 91/271/EEC on urban waste water treatment, including the area of Cosenza-Rende, which is still in breach of Article 3 of the directive.

By means of Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning (CIPE) Decision No 60/2012, EUR 35 million (24.5 million in public money and 10.5 million private) was allocated to upgrading the wastewater treatment plant and sewerage systems serving 29 municipalities.

Despite the launch of a project financing procedure in 2015, pursuant to Article 153 et seq. of Legislative Decree 163/2006, and the signing of the concession contract in 2019, administrative and management delays persist, compounding this state of affairs and generating half-yearly fines estimated at EUR 30 million.

The Italian authorities have asked the Commission to exclude 249 590 population equivalents from the fine calculation, claiming a de facto level of compliance, although the works are incomplete.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to check the actual progress made with the Cosenza-Rende project as part of the monitoring of infringement procedure 2004/2034?
2. Does it believe that the exclusion of 249 590 population equivalents from the calculation of the fine without full compliance certification can be justified?
3. What instruments will it draw on to monitor the use of public resources?

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