

**Question for written answer E-003807/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Water emergency and infrastructure problems in Sicily – Italian Court of Auditors findings

The Italian Court of Auditors, Regional Audit Chamber for the Region of Sicily¹, has identified serious problems in the management of water resources and infrastructure, pointing to chronic inefficiencies that have persisted since 2000.

The ruling² highlights structural deficits concerning dams, shortcomings in the management of concessions and collection of fees, delays in planning and inefficient use of available resources, including resources from the national recovery and resilience plan (NRRP).

The Commission has already pointed out that Sicily receives EU funds, including the European Regional Development Fund Operational Programme 2021-2027 and the NRRP, to strengthen water infrastructure and improve water management³.

However, the Italian Court of Auditors highlights that these resources have not yet produced adequate results to ensure compliance with the Water Framework Directive⁴ and EU environmental standards.

In light of the Italian Court of Auditors findings:

1. Can the Commission provide an update about the implementation, by the Region of Sicily and the Italian authorities, of the EU funds allocated to the water sector and indicate whether the planned timing and objectives are being met?
2. What corrective measures does the Commission deem necessary to ensure that water resource management in Sicily fully complies with Directive 2000/60/EC and EU environmental obligations?

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¹ Ruling No 213/2025.

² <https://www.corteconti.it/Download?id=e39271fa-9dd4-416a-9a26-29f1c50ff2f6>.

³ Answer to written question P-001360/2024.

⁴ 2000/60/EC