

Question for written answer E-004135/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Commissioner for Agriculture's position on the transfer of water from the Tagus to the Segura and its compatibility with EU law

According to the Spanish press, the President of the Region of Murcia, Mr López Miras, after meeting with the Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr Hansen, said that Hansen 'looks favourably on' maintaining the Tagus-Segura water transfer as an essential source of irrigation for eastern Spain.

1. The judgments of the Spanish Supreme Court of 11 July 2024 and of 6 May 2025 (appeal No 447/2023) mandate the immediate implementation of the ecological flows of the Tagus River under the Water Framework Directive; in light of that, can the Commissioner clarify whether he agrees that the water transfer should be maintained, as is claimed he does, despite the fact that EU obligations and court rulings require the Tagus' ecological flows to be fully implemented?
2. The European Union has co-financed various desalination plants in the south-east of mainland Spain (Torrevieja, Valdelentisco, Águilas and Alicante) under the European Regional Development Fund, investing over EUR 1 billion in total; in light of that, does the Commission consider it to be consistent with the *acquis* that it has allocated a significant amount of resources to promoting sustainable desalination while continuing to prioritise a water transfer that could compromise both the ecological status of the Tagus and the environmental objectives of the Water Framework Directive?

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