

Question for written answer E-004999/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Danish motorway project directly above groundwater bodies

Denmark has authorised Act L10 for the new Central Jutland motorway along a route that crosses major drinking-water recharge zones, despite the strict protection required under EU water legislation. The project allows motorway construction directly above groundwater bodies where per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, de-icing salts, heavy metals and microplastics can infiltrate the water due to ineffective 50 cm edge drainage and the absence of any validated protective measures. The 50 cm edge-drainage solution is presented as protective, yet Denmark has produced no evidence demonstrating its effectiveness. Since key obligations under the Water Framework, Groundwater and Drinking Water Directives have not been implemented, Denmark is not complying with EU law.

Furthermore, the motorway is routed only 7 km from one of Northern Europe's largest bat hibernation sites, yet it does not implement the strict protection regime required under the EU Habitats Directive for Annex IV species.

1. Will the Commission assess whether Denmark is in breach of its EU groundwater protection obligations?
2. Will the Commission evaluate whether Denmark is violating its obligations under the Water Framework Directive, the Groundwater Directive and the Drinking Water Directive?
3. Will the Commission assess whether Act L10 breaches EU law on strict species protection?

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