

**Question for written answer E-004222/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Environmental impact of new intensive pig farm in Pradejón, La Rioja

In Pradejón (La Rioja), plans are going ahead to build an intensive 4 004-pig fattening farm that is expected to consume 44 000 litres of water daily and generate around 9 million litres of manure and slurry each year.

The council of the neighbouring municipality of Calahorra has submitted a set of objections, warning about the potential impact the project could have on the soil, water, air quality and nearby residents and calling for an assessment of the cumulative effects of this farm together with other livestock farms. The farm is to be situated close to the River Ebro, whose surroundings include the Natura 2000 site Sotos y Riberas del Ebro (ES2300006) and the Camino Jacobeo del Ebro pilgrimage route.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it consider that the environmental assessment should analyse the cumulative effects of existing farms, especially the risk of nitrate pollution of soil and water?
2. What needs to be done to ensure that water consumption, slurry management and emissions do not have a negative impact on water bodies or affect Natura 2000 sites and nearby residents?
3. Does the Commission deem this intensive livestock farming model to be compatible with the sustainability objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy, including animal welfare and the reduction of pollution?

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