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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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As announced in the European Water Resilience Strategy¹, the Commission, in the context of the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), will carry out an updated study, as also requested by the European Parliament resolution of 7 May 2025 on the European Water Resilience Strategy (2024/2104(INI))². The Commission would like to reassure the Honourable Members that it is fully aware of the importance to have this study available without delays. At the same time, it is important to provide a study of high quality. In light of these considerations, the study will be made available as soon as possible.

2. The study will cover the costs of the quaternary treatment and the potential impacts of EPR on concerned sectors.

3. The EU Treaties provide that the European Court of Justice (ECJ) can suspend the application of a contested act in certain situations, if an application for annulment is made. The parties concerned can apply for such interim measures to the ECJ. The Commission will respect the prerogatives of the ECJ to decide on such matters.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/topics/environment/water-resilience-strategy_en.

² [https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/en/procedure-file?reference=2024/2104\(INI\)](https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/en/procedure-file?reference=2024/2104(INI)).