

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000042/26
to the Commission
Kathleen Funchion (The Left)
(8 January 2026)**

Subject: Drinking Water Directive

1. Could the Commission define the terms ‘consistent’ and ‘ongoing’ as they appear in the Irish Statutory Instrument No 99/2023 — European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2023, which transposes the Drinking Water Directive 2020?
2. Furthermore, the Drinking Water Directive sets out minimum monitoring requirements in Annex II, does the Commission believe that the Irish transposition is consistent with Annex II of the directive with regard to frequency of sampling?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
(19 February 2026)**

The definitions of the terms mentioned by the Honourable Member and their interpretation in concrete cases is a matter for the national authorities.

The Commission has assessed the Irish national measures and has initiated an infringement procedure ⁽¹⁾ concerning Ireland’s failure to correctly transpose the Drinking Water Directive ⁽²⁾. This infringement procedure does not relate to the provision on the frequency of sampling.

⁽¹⁾ [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR\(2025\)2106&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR(2025)2106&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate).

⁽²⁾ Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast), OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, p. 1-62.