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**Priority question for written answer P-002423/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Results of the public consultation on the revision of the Water Framework Directive

The Commission has announced a targeted revision of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) to address alleged barriers to projects related to critical raw materials. However, the overwhelming majority of opinions received during the public consultation state that the directive remains fit for purpose and that existing problems mainly arise from issues with implementation and funding, with any revision of the directive potentially weakening water protection and the principle of non-deterioration. In addition, over 430 000 citizens have publicly expressed their opposition to a revision that would reduce environmental safeguards.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's view on the fact that almost all responses received in the public consultation oppose the revision of the Water Framework Directive and call for its effective implementation to be prioritised?
2. If the majority of the public deems the directive fit for purpose, what are the Commission's reasons for still intending to revise it?
3. How will the Commission ensure that the announced revision is in the general interest and based on evidence gathered in the public consultation, rather than primarily on the demands of certain industrial sectors affected by the principle of non-deterioration?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
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In response to the Call for Evidence for the targeted revision of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) ⁽¹⁾, the Commission received over 3 100 submissions showing a very strong interest from citizens and across different stakeholder groups. The consultation provided valuable input reflecting different perspectives.

The Commission welcomes and takes good note of all views and continues to assess carefully the inputs.

⁽¹⁾ Directive (EU) 2026/805 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2026 amending Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, Directive 2006/118/EC on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration and Directive 2008/105/EC on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy, OJ L, 2026/805, 20.4.2026.