

Water-related questions in the European Parliament

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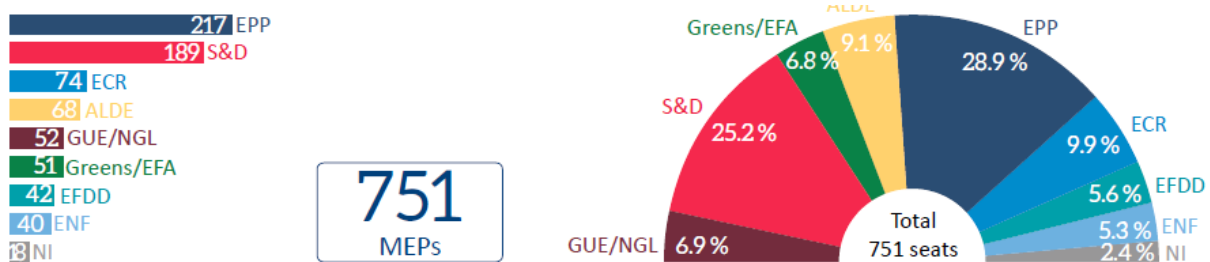
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- Legislative powers: co-legislator together with the Council in most policy areas (comparable to bicameral national Parliaments with equal powers of each chamber, e.g. USA, Italy);
- Budgetary power: power as a general rule shared with the Council final decision resting with EP (if conciliation text is rejected by Council, Article 314(7)d TFEU);
- Power to elect the Commission President and to a vote of confidence on the whole Commission;
- Power of control of Commission and Council; power to set up committees of inquiry and to question other institutions;
- Power to pass, by a two-thirds majority of its members, a motion of censure against the Commission, thereby compelling the Commission to resign as a body; Article 234 TFEU (TFEU = Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).



Political Groups in the European Parliament (in order of size)

- Group of the European People’s Party (Christian Democrats) (EPP)
- Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the EP (S&D)
- European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR)
- Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)
- Confederal Group of the European United Left–Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL)
- Group of the Greens–European Free Alliance (Greens/EFA)
- Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group (EFDD)
- Europe of Nations and Freedom Group (ENF)
- Non-attached Members (Non-inscrits – NI).

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May 2018

Preserving nature reserves through water reuse

Francesc Gambús (PPE)

24-05-2018

E-002837/2018

Infringement of competition rules and unlawful exclusion from the regional list of laboratories for unofficial self-monitoring of food in Sicily

Ignazio Corrao (EFDD)

24-05-2018

E-002794/2018

Drinking water emergency in the Metapontino area - trihalomethane (THM) pollution

Piernicola Pedicini (EFDD), Fabio Massimo Castaldo (EFDD), Dario Tamburrano (EFDD)

24-05-2018

E-002793/2018

Under-utilisation of desalination plants in Spain

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto (S&D)

24-05-2018

E-002789/2018

Dumping at sea of debris containing asbestos-bearing rock and other substances in connection with the 'Gronda di Ponente' project

Tiziana Beghin (EFDD)

23-05-2018

E-002765/2018

Uncontrolled discharges in Grixoa (Galicia)

Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL)

18-05-2018

E-002697/2018

Infringements of environmental law in an aggregate quarry in Galicia

Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL)

18-05-2018

E-002696/2018

Derogations under Article 9 of the Drinking Water Directive 1998-2018

Rory Palmer (S&D)

17-05-2018

E-002667/2018

Proposal for a recast of the Drinking Water Directive: water supplier definitions (Article 2)

Rory Palmer (S&D)

17-05-2018

E-002666/2018

Drinking Water Directive recast proposal: BPA

Rory Palmer (S&D)

17-05-2018

E-002665/2018

Properties in the EU without a fixed supply of drinking water

Rory Palmer (S&D)

17-05-2018

E-002654/2018

Flooding in Thessaloniki

Maria Spyraiki (PPE)

10-05-2018
P-002542/2018

Discharge of iron hydroxide sludge from open-cast lignite mines in the Meuroer See
Ska Keller (Verts/ALE)
09-05-2018
E-002538/2018

Environmental impact of the construction of a sewage treatment plant in Pescasseroli (Abruzzo National Park)
Piernicola Pedicini (EFDD), Dario Tamburrano (EFDD)
04-05-2018
E-002493/2018

2018 Calabria bathing water report and poor bathing water quality in Reggio Calabria
Laura Ferrara (EFDD)
03-05-2018
E-002485/2018

Forest fire damage sustained by the municipality of Mação and EU assistance
João Ferreira (GUE/NGL)
02-05-2018
E-002447/2018

Role of waste-water treatment plants in the eutrophication of surface waters
Martin Häusling (Verts/ALE)
02-05-2018
E-002445/2018

Section 50b of Ireland's Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Habitats Directive
Marian Harkin (ALDE)
02-05-2018
E-002444/2018

April 2018

EU funding for trans-boundary cooperation on water governance and management in developing countries
Neena Gill (S&D)
30-04-2018
E-002407/2018

Issues arising from the large-scale use of triploid oysters
Mireille D'Ornano (EFDD)
30-04-2018
E-002393/2018

'Miracle' foods from third countries
Maria Gabriela Zoană (S&D)
30-04-2018
E-002391/2018

Privatisation programme in Greece
Nikolaos Chountis (GUE/NGL)
26-04-2018
E-002324/2018

TREC nuclear plant in Rotondella: Italy's management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste
Piernicola Pedicini (EFDD)
20-04-2018
E-002231/2018

Diverting the flow of River Mijares, Teruel (Spain)
Lola Sánchez Caldentey (GUE/NGL)
18-04-2018
E-002198/2018

Discharging of untreated water into the River Tea
Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL)
18-04-2018
E-002192/2018

Possible ineligibility to receive ERDF support due to environmental sanctions
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE)
16-04-2018
E-002148/2018

Water abstraction area in Gualdo Tadino (Perugia)
Laura Agea (EFDD), Dario Tamburrano (EFDD)
13-04-2018
E-002113/2018

Water supply problems in Thessaloniki
Maria Spyraiki (PPE)
02-04-2018
P-001957/2018

March 2018

Danger from plastic microparticles in bottled water
Georgios Epitideios (NI)
28-03-2018

How thermal spring water is going down the drain, and millions of lei with it, owing to a lack of interest
Daniel Buda (PPE)
28-03-2018
P-001897/2018

Implementation of the CJEU judgment on the M-501 motorway project in Madrid
Tania González Peñas (GUE/NGL)
28-03-2018
E-001888/2018

Plastics
Karol Karski (ECR)
28-03-2018
E-001871/2018

Iron hydroxide slurry at the bottom of the Spree and its surrounding waters
Ska Keller (Verts/ALE)
23-03-2018
E-001793/2018

Council Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment
Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (PPE)
21-03-2018
E-001735/2018

Microplastics in bottles of water
Piernicola Pedicini (EFDD)
16-03-2018
P-001619/2018

Failure by Italiana Coke S.r.l. to carry out an ex-post environmental impact assessment

Tiziana Beghin (EFDD)

16-03-2018

E-001618/2018

Depopulation of rural areas

Maria Gabriela Zoană (S&D)

15-03-2018

E-001590/2018

Funding for the regeneration of contaminated urban brownfield sites - Zachem, Bydgoszcz

Tadeusz Zwiefka (PPE)

14-03-2018

P-001556/2018