

**Question for written answer E-000398/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Sewage canal poses the risk of ecological disaster

Water is a common good and a limited resource that needs to be protected and used in a sustainable way. It is, however, under pressure from a variety of sectors. The EU Water Framework Directive establishes a legal framework to protect clean water in the EU and to ensure its long-term sustainable use. It is complemented by more specific legislation, such as the Drinking Water Directive.

In Ljubljana, we have one of the best drinking water in Europe. We are concerned about the construction of the sewage canal, which is supposed to connect the sewage water from neighboring municipalities of Ljubljana with the central sewage treatment plant in Ljubljana. The sewage is believed to be illegally carried out by Municipality of Ljubljana, which is an investor and contractor, with EU funds. Even worse, it poses the risk of the worst ecological disaster in Slovenia.

The canal is almost completely built, with EU funds, despite the fact that the National Institute of Public Health issued a negative opinion on this construction.

I am asking European Commission,

- 1 Are you aware of inadequate selection of the route for the sewage canal?
- 2 Was the Commission misled in allowing the construction in the absence of environmental permit?
- 3 What can Commission do in case of such threatening to the health of citizens?

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