

**Question for written answer E-014871/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Construction of a car park in an area liable to flooding in Genoa

In an area known as 'Ponte Fleming' in Genoa, the Liguria Region and the municipality are putting the finishing touches to a car park which has been built just ten metres away from the bank of the River Bisagno, which has broken its banks several times during past floods.

The project, known as 'ROP Molassana 6, Ponte Fleming intermodal car park', consists of a car park, built with EU funds, the two lower floors of which are at a lower level than the banks of the River Bisagno, in an area that has already been affected by previous floods.

The legal minimum distance of ten metres from the river bank has been complied with, but that distance was achieved by building a wall that has further narrowed the river bed.

The car park, which is located in the area once occupied by the river, will be watertight. This means that during floods, the car park will not fill up with water, which will flow away towards neighbouring houses. The EU has therefore financed a project which is putting public safety at risk.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Are the EU commitment to combating floods, the goals of the ERDF, EU legislation and, in particular, Directive 2007/60/EC compatible with this project?
2. Are the Commission itself and the local authorities in breach of EU law?
3. Can it arrange an investigation and/or for the funds granted to be reimbursed?