

**Question for written answer E-014983/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Oil extraction and safety in the Adriatic Sea

According to a recent report by the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), there have been numerous accidents in EU waters relating not only to oil extraction but to the entire hydrocarbon cycle.

In Italy, after the obvious negative impact of oil drilling in Basilicata, the issue of oil extraction is once again in the news. Indeed, invitations to tender have been issued for new concessions, both on land and at sea, despite the fact that the oil extracted is scant and of poor quality.

Ten Italian regions are organising a referendum to prevent such drilling, but assuming they will fail and considering the problems that already exist, some adjustments are needed to ensure that this activity is safe.

The Adriatic Sea is small, shallow and with a low dilution capacity, making it particularly vulnerable to the consequences of a serious accident, but also as regards everyday leaks which take place during drilling, given that there is no emergency protocol.

This sea is of vital importance not for crude oil, but because of its suitability for fishing and tourism.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. whether the EU intends to equip itself with prevention and rapid response systems for serious cases of oil spills at sea, given that such cases are not so rare;
2. whether the Commission can make Member States and concessionaires pay a security deposit from which they can obtain compensation in the event of environmental destruction caused by everyday activities, or an environmental disaster?