

Amendments to R02: Saving Rivers and Natural Water Bodies From Drought and Mismanagement

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1	AM-1-14	Bündnis90/Die Grünen		New title: Fighting water crisis and saving Rivers and Natural Water Bodies From Drought and Mismanagement	
2	AM-1-15	Green Party of England and Wales			Lines 9-11: Is it possible to be more specific about convention dates? When have the significant ones occurred?
3	AM-1-16	Green Party of England and Wales			Line 20: Is it possible to quantify “vast area”
4	AM-1-17	Green Party of England and Wales			Lines 22-23: Not clear how the connection of high dependence on food imports, inflation and wetland management is being made here.
5	AM-1-18	Green Party of England and Wales			Lines 35-37: The meaning of the sentence “This project, the building of” is unclear. Is the sewage network separated from groundwater?
6	AM-1-19	Green Party of England and Wales			Lines 32-37: The paragraph needs more detail and specifics related to the threat posed by the C0 canal. How is this being mismanaged?
7	AM-1-20	Green Party of England and Wales			Lines 50-51: Is Portugal drought situation ongoing? If so, the wording tense needs to change to “has been experiencing”

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8	AM-2-1	Green Party of England and Wales	The onset of climate change has disrupted the natural water cycle. Precipitation has become erratic and extended periods of drought are becoming more frequent; aquatic ecosystems are vulnerable to such fluctuations. Other human activity such as pollution, the construction of dams, excessive use of water for	From line 1 to 4: The onset of climate change has disrupted the natural water cycle. Precipitation has become erratic and extended periods of drought are becoming more frequent; aquatic ecosystems are vulnerable to such fluctuations. Other human activity such as pollution, the construction of dams, excessive use of water for	Grammatical correction and addition of “extremely” strengthens the sentence
9	AM-6-8	Green Party of England and Wales	irrigation, mining activity, tourism and nuclear plants are taking a further toll on freshwater habitats. Moreover, water is a basic necessity for humans and any scarcity of drinking water brought about by drought or pollution may have a severe impact on the health and well-being of communities.	From line 5 to 8: irrigation, mining activity, tourism and nuclear plants are taking a further toll on freshwater habitats. Moreover, Clean, fresh water is a basic necessity for humans and any. Any scarcity of drinking water brought about by flood, drought or pollution may will have a severe impact on the health and well-being of communities.	Sentence reads better
10	AM-8-1	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	any scarcity of drinking water brought about by drought or pollution may have a severe impact on the health and well-being of communities.	Insert from line 7 to 8: any scarcity of drinking water brought about by drought or pollution may have a severe impact on the health and well-being of communities. All these factors have severe impact on rivers and natural water bodies.	

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11	AM-9-8	Green Party of England and Wales	In the Mediterranean region many rivers run through several countries and over the years, conventions and treaties have been established in order to ensure	From line 9 to 10: In the The Mediterranean region is characterised by its ecologically sensitive and major rivers , many rivers of which run through several countries and over across national borders . Over the years, conventions and treaties have been established in order to ensure	Sentence reads better
12	AM-12-1	Green Party of England and Wales	health.The rivers of Greece are an ecologically sensitive and species rich habitat.	Insert from line 12 to 13: The rivers of Greece are an ecologically sensitive and species rich habitat.	Grammatical improvement
13	AM-12-2	Esquerra Verda	international cooperation in safeguarding the rivers and to promote their health.	Insert from line 11 to 12: international cooperation in safeguarding the rivers and to promote their health. Within the EU, the Water Framework Directive is intendend to ensure an ecological flow and the good chemical composition of the waters of European rivers, and the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 aims at the restoration of at least 25.000 km of free-flowing rivers.	
14	AM-19-1	Green Party of England and Wales	stations, excessive uptake of water and the construction of dams, often without the necessary planning and environmental impact assessments. Lakes and other wetlands in Greece occupy a vast area; agriculture here is mostly limited to	From line 18 to 20: stations, excessive uptake of water and the construction of dams, often without the necessary planning and environmental impact assessments. Lakes In addition, lakes and other wetlands in Greece occupy a vast area; agriculture here is mostly limited to	Grammatical improvement

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15	AM-19-2	Green Party of England and Wales	the necessary planning and environmental impact assessments. Lakes and other wetlands in Greece occupy a vast area; agriculture here is mostly limited to small scale farming enterprises. Whilst this has been beneficial to the	From line 19 to 21: the necessary planning and environmental impact assessments. Lakes and other wetlands in Greece occupy a vast area; agriculture here area. Agricultural in these regions is mostly limited to small scale farming enterprises. Whilst this has been beneficial to the	Grammatical improvement
16	AM-30-1	Green Party of England and Wales	law that shifts the management of water resources to centralized control, away from the local communities. Thousands of people protesting this law were unheeded by the Government.	Delete from line 29 to 31: law that shifts the management of water resources to centralized control, away from the local communities. Thousands of people protesting this law were unheeded by the Government.	Unnecessary sentence
17	AM-32-1	Partido Ecologista Os Verdes	Italy, Slovenia, and other countries in Europe face a similar situations of mismanagement. In Ljubljana, the aquifer which supplies drinking water to the	Delete from line 32 to 33: Italy, Slovenia, and other countries in Europe face a similar situations of mismanagement. In Ljubljana, the aquifer which supplies drinking water to the	Italy paragraph will be added below
18	AM-32-2	Green Party of England and Wales	Italy, Slovenia, and other countries in Europe face a similar situations of mismanagement. In Ljubljana, the aquifer which supplies drinking water to the	Delete from line 32 to 33: Italy, Slovenia, and other countries in Europe face a similar situations of mismanagement. In Ljubljana, the aquifer which supplies drinking water to the	Grammatical correction

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19	AM-37-1	Partido Ecologista Os Verdes	drinking water. In the Iberian peninsula, Spain and Portugal share five rivers, the major ones	<p>Insert from line 37 to 38:</p> <p>Italy is traditionally considered to be a water-rich country. However, the last few years proved that this is not always true: in fact, droughts and water mismanagement are serious threats to Italian water security.</p> <p>Here, as in other Mediterranean countries, water supply policies have aimed at increasing the "regulation capacity" of surface outflows, creating reservoirs accumulating water in the rainy period and use it during the dry season. Nonetheless, the country ended 2022 with a heavy water deficit.</p> <p>The greatest immediate consequences impacted above all the irrigated land and meadow-pastures, which were hit by an intense long-term rain deficit, but the drought also heavily affected agriculture and the hydroelectric energy produced, which suffered a sharp reduction of about 40%.</p> <p>For instance, not only the drought of the Po River is alarming, but also the lowering of the water level in the major lakes of the country. The other cause of drought in Italy is the unsustainable use of water, in addition to the poor condition of the water distribution grid which leads to a dispersion beyond 40%.</p>	Add paragraph regarding Italy, by Italian greens Verdi
20	AM-39-1	Partido Ecologista Os Verdes	In the Iberian peninsula, Spain and Portugal share five rivers, the major ones being the Duoro (Spanish: Río Duero, Portuguese: Rio Douro), the Tagus (Spanish: Tajo, Portuguese: Tejo) and the Guadiana. Since the 1960s, the two countries	<p>From line 38 to 40:</p> <p>In the Iberian peninsula, Spain and Portugal share five rivers, the major ones being the DuoroDouro (Spanish: Río Duero, Portuguese: Rio DuDouro), the Tagus (Spanish: Tajo, Portuguese: Tejo) and the Guadiana. Since the 1960s, the two countries</p>	Douro river misspelled

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21	AM-49-1	Green Party of England and Wales	The year 2022 has been particularly dry; according to the Global Drought Observatory, Europe is facing its worst drought in at least 500 years. 60% of	From line 49 to 50: The year 2022 has been was particularly dry; according to the Global Drought Observatory, Europe is facing its worst drought in at least 500 years. 60% of	Grammatical correction
22	AM-50-1	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	The year 2022 has been particularly dry; according to the Global Drought Observatory, Europe is facing its worst drought in at least 500 years. 60% of Portugal has experienced severe drought; 40% has been under extreme drought.	Insert from line 49 to 51: The year 2022 has been particularly dry; according to the Global Drought Observatory, Europe is facing its worst drought in at least 500 years. More than a quarter of Europe is currently in drought, with 21.6% of the EU-27 territory in warning conditions and 3.2% in alert conditions according to European Drought Observatory. Countries such as Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece and Slovenia are particularly effected. 60% of Portugal has experienced severe drought; 40% has been under extreme drought.	
23	AM-53-1	Green Party of England and Wales	Three years of very low rainfall and high temperatures have put Spain officially into long-term drought. 2022 was Spain's sixth driest — and the hottest since records began in 1961. (1)	Insert from line 52 to 54: Three years of very low rainfall and high temperatures have put Spain officially into long-term drought. 2022 was Spain's sixth driest year — and the hottest since records began in 1961. (1)	EXPLANATION: Grammatical correction

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24	AM-55-1	Green Party of England and Wales	Notwithstanding this, water usage has continued to soar to meet the demands of intensive agriculture. Spain and Portugal have recently agreed that in these	From line 55 to 56: Notwithstanding this these drought conditions , water usage has continued to soar to meet the demands of intensive agriculture. Spain and Portugal have recently agreed that in these	Sentence reads better
25	AM-56-1	Partido Ecologista Os Verdes	Notwithstanding this, water usage has continued to soar to meet the demands of intensive agriculture. Spain and Portugal have recently agreed that in these circumstances, that the minimum flows of the international rivers are not to be	From line 55 to 57: Notwithstanding this, water usage has continued to soar to meet the demands of intensive agriculture. Spain and Portugal have recently agreed on semptember that in these circumstances, that the minimum flows of the international rivers are not to be	to make the text more clear
26	AM-60-1	Green Party of England and Wales	The Albufeira Convention lacks clarity regarding the computation methodology of the minimum flow levels that need to be maintained. On the other hand, farming corporations are relentless in their lobbying for favourable apportioning of	From line 59 to 61: The Albufeira Convention lacks clarity regarding the computation methodology of the minimum flow levels that need to be maintained. On the other hand In addition , farming corporations are relentless in their lobbying for favourable apportioning of	Grammatical correction

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27	AM-61-1	Esquerra Verda	the minimum flow levels that need to be maintained. On the other hand, farming corporations are relentless in their lobbying for favourable apportioning of water resources, without due regard for ecological requirements and water use by the community. The European Commission puts pressure on member states, including Portugal, to move forward with lithium mining destructive projects to meet	Insert from line 60 to 64: the minimum flow levels that need to be maintained. On the other hand, farming corporations, particularly in the South of Spain with the support of regional authorities , are relentless in their lobbying for favourable apportioning of water resources, without due regard for ecological requirements and water use by the community, including the depletion of groundwater resources which has also severe consequences for certain ecosystems such as the Doñana biosphere reserve . The European Commission puts pressure on member states, including Portugal, to move forward with lithium mining destructive projects to meet	In the past months and particularly weeks there has been a strong controversy between the centre-left/green central government and the right+extreme right regional government in Andalusia since the latter intended to breach the EU legislation (as noted by the Commission) in order to increase irrigation allowances for farmers in the area surrounding Doñana National park, thus risking generating irreversible damaged to already half-empty groundwater levels, which are critical for the functioning of the very fragile ecosystem of a unique protected area in Europe, crucial formigrating birds.
28	AM-63-1	Green Party of England and Wales	water resources, without due regard for ecological requirements and water use by the community. The European Commission puts pressure on member states, including Portugal, to move forward with lithium mining destructive projects to meet	From line 62 to 64: water resources, without due regard for ecological requirements and water use by the community. {Space}	
29	AM-64-1	Green Party of England and Wales	the community. The European Commission puts pressure on member states, including Portugal, to move forward with lithium mining destructive projects to meet industry's high demand despite the recognition of potentially significant	From line 63 to 65: the community. The European Commission puts pressure on member states, including Portugal, to move forward with destructive lithium mining destructive projects to meet industry's high demand despite the recognition of potentially significant	Grammatical correction

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30	AM-67-1	Partido Ecologista Os Verdes	contamination and and increased demand in European territories facing drought. Malta does not have any rivers. Much of the demand for water is met by	<p>Insert from line 67 to 68:</p> <p>Although the end of the year 2022 saw the inversion in the lack of rain in Portugal, having two days in December with heavy rains and intensive flood situations all over the country, giving some expectation on the climate improvement and water supply of the natural aquifers, 2023 is proving to be even worse. So far until May there hasn't been any significant rain (the south of the country is already under moderate to extreme drought). The same happening in other regions and countries like Spain and France.</p>	Update on the draught situation.
31	AM-67-2	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	environmental impacts, such as ecosystems and biodiversity depletion, water contamination and and increased demand in European territories facing drought.	<p>Insert from line 66 to 67:</p> <p>environmental impacts, such as ecosystems and biodiversity depletion, water contamination and and increased demand in European territories facing drought.</p> <p>Pollution continues to be a major problem affecting most of the European aquatic ecosystems. One drastic example has been the pollution of the Oder in Germany/Poland last summer 2022, which led to tremendous death of fish. The continued high salt concentration levels triggering the toxic algal bloom are posing ongoing challenges for the upcoming summer all over Europe. Waste water pollution triggers the loss of biodiversity as it damages the health of aquatic ecosystems, harms wildlife and also constitutes a significant risk for human health. Taking the fight against water pollution seriously is therefore a key priority for the greens.</p>	

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32	AM-81-1	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	wellbeing of ecosystems and water requirements of the community.	Insert after line 81: Restoration of aquatic ecosystems and removal of unused barriers to increase the stretches of free flowing rivers are beneficial for biodiversity, but also for climate change mitigation. The Greens therefore support a strong EU Nature Restoration Law.	
33	AM-82-1	Esquerra Verda	Any strategy for the management of river water should respect the situation and realities in individual countries, ensuring that minimum	Insert from line 82 to 83: Any strategy for the management of river water and groundwater should respect the situation and realities in individual countries, ensuring that minimum	
34	AM-89-1	Esquerra Verda	becoming more frequent, agriculture needs to transition to less resource intensive practices, giving way to local farming methods better suited to regional climatic conditions.	Insert from line 88 to 90: becoming more frequent, agriculture needs to transition to less resource intensive practices, giving way to dry land crops and local farming methods better suited to regional climatic conditions.	
35	(AM-81-1)	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	The consumption of electricity needs to be rationalised. This is especially critical during periods of drought, limiting the amount of energy derived from hydrological sources.	From line 91 to 93: The Consider temporary measures to rationalize the consumption of electricity needs to be rationalised. This is especially in critical during when periods of drought, limiting when the amount of energy derived from hydrological sources is limited.	

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36	(AM-81-1)	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	disproportionate demand on water resources need to be controlled and capped.	Insert from line 96 to 97: disproportionate demand on water resources need to be controlled and capped. Sectors with high water consumptions such as energy, industry, tourism, agriculture should put forward sobriety plans to be controlled by governments.	
37	AM-97-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	capped.	Insert after line 97: Ground water resources shall be defended through legislation and constant monitoring.	
38	(AM-81-1)	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	burden on natural sources. Schemes to recover and better use greywater need to be devised and implemented.	Insert from line 99 to 100: burden on natural sources. Schemes to recover and better use greywater need to be devised and implemented. Consumers should be supported to better equip themselves to collect rainwater.	
39	(AM-81-1)	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	proposed by the European Commission in October, 2022.Desalination of seawater is an energy intensive process and should be seen as a last resort option for the production of drinking water. Rational use and effective management of natural water resources and investing in infrastructure to drastically reduce water leakage should be prioritized.	From line 103 to 107: Desalination of seawater is an energy intensive process and should be seen as a last resort option for the production of drinking water. Desalination of seawater is an energy intensive process and should be seen as a last resort option for the production of drinking water. Rational use and effective management of natural water resources and investing in modern infrastructure to drastically reduce water leakage should be prioritized.	

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40	(AM-81-1)	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	holistic approach that includes both mitigation and adaptation measures needs to be adopted.	<p>Insert from line 109 to 110:</p> <p>holistic approach that includes both mitigation and adaptation measures needs to be adopted. This also includes risk-mitigation measures such as risk management. Ensure better European coordination on EU water management through enforcing EU water legislation in Member States and adopting new legislation such as the revision of the Urban Waste Water Framework Directive. Establish new collaboration formats to manage risk and crisis and ensure European response to water crisis is addressed through European solidarity and knowledge sharing among Member States.</p>	
41	AM-113-1	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	conservation, and in regard with the above points.	<p>Insert after line 113:</p> <p>13. Ban the construction of new nuclear power plants along rivers such as the Rhone in order to stop the pumping of water from these rivers and their temperature change which affects the biodiversity of these rivers</p>	
42	AM-113-2	Irish Green Party / Comhaontas Glas	conservation, and in regard with the above points.	<p>Insert after line 113:</p> <p>There is a greater need for educating the population about water conservation. Funding should be made available for communications campaigns to encourage a shift in behaviour. Additional resources are required to fund School programmes for primary and secondary school children to give children an understanding of the importance of water conservation from a young age.</p>	Support additional resourcing of education in this area.