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Subject: Your complaint CHAP(2015)02363 against Bulgaria, treated in EU Pilot under ref. EUP(2017)9183

Dear Mr Koumanov,

I refer to my letter of 7 December 2020, EUP(2017)9183 informing you of the result of the examination of your complaint and of our intention to proceed with the closure of the dossier.

We have reviewed the additional observations that you sent by e-mail of 15 January 2021. However, these observations do not provide any new facts/elements which would lead us to reconsider our previous position. We therefore confirm that your complaint was closed on 23 February 2021.

Despite the above, we would like to reassure you that the issues related to the implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Bulgaria are **not** neglected. As explained in my preceding letter, the possible breaches of the Water Framework Directive (WFD), including those mentioned in your reply to my letter of 7 December 2020, were taken up by a new, structural investigation (ref. EUP(2020)9721), which is part of a horizontal action against all concerned Member States. **Prior to closing the investigation ref. EUP(2017)9183, our services have made sure that the new investigation covers all the issues that remained unresolved.**

As regards Natura 2000 issues, we note that you acknowledge that your concerns have been addressed in the on-going infringement procedure. Consequently, it is not necessary to further comment on the points raised in your e-mail in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

Sabine BOURDY
Head of Unit

