

Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, a leading opponent of Spain's plan to build 120 new dams along the Mediterranean coast.

A physics and economics professor at the University of Zaragoza, he argues that the project is unnecessary pork legislation: "It's exploiting the aquifer in the area not for needs, but for deals."

The battleground is at the European Parliament. If activists convince European Union members that the project is wrong, the funding will dry up, he said. Arrojo has helped to organize protests that altogether have attracted more than one million people throughout Spain.