

**Question for written answer E-005380/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Continued operation of largest toxic landfill site in Europe despite failure to carry out an environmental impact assessment

The largest toxic landfill site in Europe, located in what was previously the GDR restricted area of Schöneberg/Ihlenberg, opened in 1979 without any site safety certification. A number of waterworks in the area have since been closed down and the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Unit (NABU) has lodged a protest against plans to increase the landfill site capacity to 32 million tonnes.

1. What view does the Commission take of the continued operation of the site in the absence of either an environmental impact assessment or project approval plan to date?
2. On what legal basis can continued operation of the site be considered in any way admissible under the circumstances?
3. Was there a report on the state of ground and surface water in the catchment area submitted to the EU in accordance with the water framework directive (WFD)?
4. Have the states concerned drawn up a programme of measures to restore water quality to an ecologically unimpeachable standard within the deadline specified by the WFD? When are such measures to be expected?
5. Has EU funding been requested for this purpose and, if so, how much?
6. What level of EU funding may be requested for implementation of the WFD?