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to the Commission**

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Subject: Critical problems affecting the waste management system in Calabria

Since 1997, the region of Calabria has been experiencing an on-going environmental and health crisis caused by disastrous waste management based on landfill and corrupted by the interests of criminal groups. More than a billion euros have been spent without any appreciable result being achieved, and rubbish regularly builds up on the streets of various Calabrian towns.

In its response to Petition No 615/2013, the Commission said it had drawn up a set of recommendations, including:

- drawing up a waste management plan in accordance with the guidelines set out in Directive 2008/98/EC;
- promoting local programmes and schemes for selective waste collection, to achieve the national objective of 65%, and recycling;
- introducing the PAYT (Pay As You Throw) system;
- ensuring pre-treatment of wastes, in accordance with legal requirements, before disposal;
- updating SISTRI (the Italian system monitoring the traceability of wastes) to prevent illegal practices associated with waste management.

The Commission also made provision for launching an in-depth analysis of Calabria's current waste management plan, and possibly for launching an enquiry.

1. What steps have been taken or could be taken to prevent further damage to health and the environment?
2. Might it be helpful to set up a task force to investigate and take action on the critical problems affecting the Calabrian waste management system?