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Subject: Proper decommissioning of Busto Arsizio incineration plant at end of life

The Associazione Consortile dei Comuni dell'Alto Milanese (ACCAM) is a consortium of 27 local councils which is responsible for the collection and incineration of waste. The plant at Busto Arsizio processes 100 000 tonnes of waste a year. In Lombardy one-third of waste produced is burnt, around 1 400 000 tonnes a year, compared with a capacity of 2 500 000 tonnes of the 13 incinerators in existence.

In its analysis of the future development of the consortium, among other things, ACCAM is considering the possible closure of the waste-to-energy plant. This would involve a cost of around EUR 13 000 000 for dismantling, including 8 000 000 for decontamination.

Italian legislation, following Recommendation 2001/453/EC, places an obligation on the governing bodies of potentially polluting enterprises to conduct a careful and prudent assessment of the risks and costs of environmental remediation and to set aside the costs of decontamination for the first 10 years. ACCAM has failed to comply with these obligations and, consequently, the potential redevelopment of the structure into a factory with cold management of the cycle of unsorted waste has been blocked.

Taking account of Report 2011/2194(INI), of COM/2014/0397-0398, does the Commission not consider that the Consortium is going in the opposite direction to European guidelines, which provide that Member States should not support the incineration of recyclable waste by technically and financially sustainable means in safe conditions for the environment?