

**Question for written answer E-003379/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Air pollution in Madrid

EU legislation on air quality (Directive 2008/50/EC) sets an hourly limit value for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) which must not be exceeded more than 18 times per year. In 2014 the hourly limit value for NO₂ was exceeded on 18 or more occasions at six measuring stations in Madrid. In January 2015 alone six stations have already recorded figures in excess of this annual hourly limit value. Furthermore, one of the most significant results of the 2014 report on air quality in Madrid is its confirmation of the sudden appearance of another dangerous pollutant, ground-level ozone (O₃). A total of eight out of the 14 stations measuring this pollutant recorded more than 25 occasions on which the legal limit value was exceeded in eight hours (120 micrograms per cubic metre of air).

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
2. Is it planning any measures in regard to this?
3. Could the Commission say what might be the repercussions of repeated infringement of this Directive?