

**Question for written answer E-004842/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Recycling of oil in the EU

Used oil is currently one of the most abundantly produced types of contaminating waste. However, the methods by which it is disposed of include landfill, dumping into rivers, and indiscriminate combustion, and these do not make the most of its genuine potential value; for instance, it may be converted into biodiesel. A litre of oil contaminates up to 1 000 litres of water, which represents an enormous level of contamination and requires an excessive amount of energy for disposal in treatment plants.

An individual from my constituency has approached me with the suggestion of introducing legislation for dedicated oil-recycling containers to be installed in public places in towns across the EU, similar to those which exist for glass and paper. My constituent furthermore estimates that this could create up to 8 000 new jobs.

1. Could the Commission explain how oil recycling is regulated in the EU?
2. Has the Commission any plans to introduce new guidelines or other types of measures in relation to this matter?
3. What is the Commission's view of the possibility of installing oil-recycling containers in public places in towns across the EU?