Question for written answer E-005991/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Gabriel Mato (PPE) and Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE)

Subject: Reduction in the production of waste and improvements in waste management

On average each citizen of the EU generated 481 kilograms of waste in 2013. Although waste treatment has improved, great efforts are still needed in this field, since the volume of waste produced continues to grow steadily.

According to data from Eurostat only 43 % of the aforementioned amount was recycled or composted, while the rest was either burnt or buried.

Measures at EU level are therefore needed to address this increasingly important challenge.

What new measures does the Commission propose with a view to reducing the amount of waste produced by EU citizens and improving the recycling of such waste?

To what extent have the measures already implemented in this field been effective?

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