

**Question for written answer E-013467/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Reports of worsening air pollution in the city of Ruse, Bulgaria

The EU's clean air policy seeks to improve the quality of life of EU citizens. The goal of reducing pollution and its damaging effect on human health and the environment has been a permanent item on the EU's agenda.

Under EU law and pursuant to Directive 2008/50/EC, Member States must ensure that, in the zones and agglomerations within their territories, levels of polluting emissions do not exceed target values. The Member States have made commitments to install measuring stations and ensure that these measurements are accurate.

The Commission closely monitors implementation of this Directive, so I wish to draw its attention to the concerns expressed by many of the inhabitants of Ruse. More specifically, I am receiving reports that air quality standards are not being respected and of pollution levels regularly being exceeded.

1. Is the Commission aware of these reports and does it have the current air quality and pollution values for the city of Ruse?
2. Will it carefully assess the implementation of the above-mentioned Directive and take any necessary measures to bring these values back within the target limits in the city of Ruse?