

**Question for written answer E-014074/2015  
to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Reclamation of industrial sites

The EU is rightly working to protect the environment and to reclaim unused industrial sites through various funding schemes and awareness campaigns, given that the quality of life of EU citizens depends in part on their environment.

The Commission adopted the most recent Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection on 22 September 2006 as part of the Sixth Environmental Action Programme.

The thematic strategy comprises a communication from the Commission, a proposal for a framework directive and an impact assessment.

EU legislation currently addresses the issues related to the reclamation of industrial sites through the following directives: the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), which regulates site closure issues, and the Environmental Liability Directive (ELD), which regulates liability for environmental damage and the related decontamination obligations of industrial operators.

The framework directive is still being blocked in the Council. Assuming that it regards this as an important piece of legislation, can the Council provide a schedule for future action and say when it expects the current deadlock to be broken?