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to the Commission**

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Subject: Covenant of Mayors

In 2013 the City of Rome approved¹ and submitted its Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP), which was drawn up as part of its commitment to the EU's Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The Commission's Joint Research Centre is still in the process of examining Rome's SEAP, and there have been no clarification requests², even though 'the expected timeframe for SEAP analysis is between six and nine months'³.

It seems that the situation so far for SEAPs submitted in 2013 is as follows: 384 are pending (including Rome's), 565 have been accepted, and clarification has been requested for 4 of them. For SEAPS submitted in 2014: 491 are pending, 288 have been accepted and clarification has been requested for 5. For SEAPs submitted in 2015: 466 are pending, 274 have been accepted, and clarification has been requested for 5.

This EU funding is extremely important both for the climate and because this is one of the very few sources of funding for municipalities crushed under the 'Growth and Stability Pact'.

Could the Commission answer the following:

- What is the logic behind the different speeds at which SEAPs are examined?
- Why has Rome's SEAP been pending since 2013?
- If those SEAPs that have been pending for years have in actual fact been rejected, why have the municipalities concerned not been informed of both this rejection and the reasons why?

¹ https://www.comune.roma.it/PCR/resources/cms/documents/Delibera_approvazione_Paes.pdf

² http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/actions/sustainable-energy-action-plans_en.html?city=roma&country_seap=it&co2=&date_of_approval=&accepted=&x=0&y=0

³ http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/support/faq_en.html?id_faq=39