

**Question for written answer E-002440/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Follow-up to Question E-012413/2015 - Air quality in Italy

In answer to Question E-012413/2015, the Commission has interpreted the obligations concerning methods and results indicated in Article 23 of Directive 2008/50/EC, clarifying that in order to evaluate plans, it must receive up-to-date data on air quality from Member States under Article 27 of the Directive.

The Commission has also specified that Italy has violated this reporting obligation for 2013 and that this was raised in infringement procedure 2015/2043 which concerned it exceeding the threshold for NO₂.

As was widely reported in the media using data published by the Regional Agencies for Environmental Protection (ARPA), there continued to be excessive levels of PM₁₀ in 2015, violating Article 13 of the Directive.

This shows that Italy has also not met the results obligation indicated in Article 23 ("set out appropriate measures so that the exceedance period can be kept as short as possible") in many conglomerations, including those of the Po Valley, currently excluded from infringement procedure 2014/2147 due to the adoption of plans that "at first glance" seem to be compliant.

With this in mind, can the Commission say if it has received air quality data at least for 2014, expected by 30 September 2015, if it has evaluated this and what actions it has decided to take?