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Subject: Preliminary report on the national waste incineration programme

In its preliminary report on the national waste incineration programme, the Italian Ministry of the Environment states that Italy needs to incinerate 27 % more waste (disregarding the fact that the country has been asked to raise its waste recycling by at least 22 % in the next few years) and that this 'does not have a direct effect on environmental factors'. It also explains that it is not possible to know whether this will entail 'exceeding the [air] quality levels' and concludes by maintaining that for a decision of this kind there is no need to subject the programme to a strategic environmental assessment (SEA).

With reference to Directive 2008/98/EC and Article 191 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:

- Does this not contradict the EU directives and overturn for no reason the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2008/98/EC?
- Does the Commission consider that by virtue of Articles 2 and 3(2)(a) of Directive 2001/42/EC, the programme must undergo a strategic environmental assessment on account of the environmental impact that increasing the volume of waste burnt by two million tonnes will have?