

**Question for written answer E-007760/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: National waste incineration programme

Official Gazette of the Italian Republic No 233 of 5 October 2016 features the decree of the President of the Council of Ministers on the identification of Italy's waste incineration needs¹, which states that the prerequisites to undergo a strategic environmental assessment of the general policy content are non-existent. They are deemed non-existent because they establish a reference framework for subsequent regional planning which merely indicates the number and size of the incinerators to be established on a territorial scale of macro-areas and regions, with reference only to the overall residual needs for waste incineration calculated on a national scale, without taking into account exact location, operating conditions, or the distribution of resources.

In Written Question E-003288/2016 concerning the national waste incineration programme², the Commission was asked whether it considers that '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'. The Commission responded as follows: 'Should the incineration programme fall under the scope of Directive 2001/42/EC (Strategic Environmental Assessment — SEA Directive), an environmental assessment would need to be made prior to its adoption'.

In light of the above:

1. What does the Commission make of the aforementioned decree;
2. What steps it will take to ensure compliance with Directive 2001/42/EC?

¹

http://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/atto/serie_generale/caricaDettaglioAtto/originario?atto.dataPubblicazioneGazzetta=2016-10-05&atto.codiceRedazionale=16A07192&elenco30giorni=true

² <http://www.va.minambiente.it/it-IT/Oggetti/Documentazione/1609/2698>