

**Question for written answer E-008676/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Air pollution in Madrid

On a number of days the Madrid City Council has had to activate a protocol to deal with high levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) pollution. Apart from in 2014, the city of Madrid has exceeded permitted levels every year since 2010. As a consequence, the Commission sent a letter of formal notice to Spain in June 2015.

In May 2013, the Commission decided not to grant the Madrid City Council the five-year extension it was seeking to comply with pollution limits. In that Decision (C(2013) 2754 final), the Commission said that the necessary measures had not been taken and that the air quality plan which ended in 2015 would not guarantee conformity with the annual limits set by the Union.

1. Does the Commission consider that the new air quality plan drawn up by the Madrid City Council contains stricter measures which can guarantee compliance with the established pollution limits?
2. What is the current status of the infringement proceedings initiated against Spain for exceeding (NO₂) levels in a number of urban centres?
3. How will the Commission ensure compliance with the Clean Air for Europe programme in Spain and with the air quality policy targets for 2030?