

**Question for written answer E-001196/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Decommissioning of wind turbines and environmental problems

Sustainability in power generation is a major challenge these days, and new solutions are needed. In an effort to move away from fossil fuels, many areas have opted for wind power, which is a renewable source of energy while the wind turbines are in operation.

Energy and materials are of course used in the construction of wind turbines, but the biggest problem occurs when they wear out and have to be decommissioned.

Does the Commission agree that the decommissioning of worn out wind turbines poses environmental problems, and can the Commission report on the current situation as regards decommissioning?

Is the Commission preparing initiatives with a view to looking into or solving problems with the decommissioning of wind turbines?

What will the Commission do in future to ensure that new energy is also sustainable?