

**Question for written answer E-006960/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Increase in pollution in Asturias after the fires

During the fires in Asturias in October, pollution increased and stayed at a high level for days despite the change in temperature and initial rainfall. In Cangas del Narcea, for instance, pollution levels attained peaks of 381  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  particulate matter, averaging at 90  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  over a three day period.

Air pollution is a danger to public health leading to increased hospital admissions in the territory, according to a study carried out by the Ministry of Health of the Principality of Asturias dating from 2016.

1. Does the European Commission believe that Spain has complied with Directive 2001/81/EC on national emission ceilings for certain atmospheric pollutants and does Spain report annually to the Commission on such emissions?
2. Does the Commission intend to take preventive measures to avoid pollution caused by fires affecting public health?