

Question for written answer E-004740/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Air pollution in the EU

According to the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 23/2018: 'Air pollution: Our health still insufficiently protected', EU measures to protect human health from pollution have not had the expected impact.

The report indicates that European Union air quality standards are outdated and that some are more lax than WHO guidelines and the levels established in the latest scientific data. Furthermore, it reveals that the majority of Member States still have not complied with EU standards in this respect, nor have they adopted measures to resolve this situation.

According to the World Health Organisation, air pollution causes around 400 000 premature deaths in the EU every year, in addition to economic costs related to health.

In the light of COM(2018) 330 on this issue, I would like to know whether the European Commission will propose new measures or modify those proposed. In this case, I would like the Commission to specify these measures or modifications.