

**Question for written answer E-006105/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rocca Cencia: a high-risk industrial waste district in terms of environmental sustainability and public health

Promoting environmental sustainability and protecting citizens' health are key strategic priorities and essential policies for responsible growth, both in the EU and in Italy.

It is unacceptable that this poorly managed facility at Rocca Cencia in the sixth administrative district of Rome, should be allowed to survive without challenge. Rocca Cencia is a treatment centre for waste from public and private companies, with high environmental risk.

It is a little piece of hell within our capital city.

According to the PRG's (General Regulatory Plan) 'Hazard and Vulnerability Map', this area is a 'critical area, a protection zone, and a water catchment area'.

According to the Department of Epidemiology of the regional health service, it has the highest figures in the region for cancer deaths.

It is not suitable for expansion from an environmental point of view and analysis of its existing plant has been unfavourable. No previous landscaping or archaeological permits are available, including for the Lazio Region.

In light of the 100 000 inhabitants living within a radius of 3 km, does the Commission not consider it appropriate to:

- 1) Immediately initiate an epidemiological investigation and court investigation, given the worrying number of cancer cases in the area?
- 2) Take measures for the immediate closure of the plant, pursuant to the precautionary principle in environmental matters (Article 130r(2) of the Maastricht Treaty, formerly Title XVI Article 174 of the Treaty of Amsterdam, Article 191 TFEU)?
- 3) Within the framework of the Agro Romano National Park, where hundreds of researchers from international universities already work, designate the complex as a campus for archaeology and restoration?