

**Question for written answer E-001498/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Bulgaria's failure to comply with its obligations under Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM

Directive 2011/70/EURATOM¹ lays down a framework for ensuring responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste. According to the directive, Member States must establish a national framework for spent fuel and radioactive waste management. The main element of each state's framework should be a national programme.

Bulgaria's national programme for implementing the directive's guidelines is its National Strategy² for management of spent fuel and radioactive waste until 2030. The Strategy requires the annual transportation of a minimum of 50 tonnes of heavy metal contained in spent fuel from the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant for reprocessing.

According to public reports up until 2015, more than 50 tonnes of heavy metal were despatched annually, but from 2015 to 2018 only around 27 tonnes in total were transported. There is no information on whether the funds for reprocessing the rest – some 173 tonnes – were used.

1. Does the Commission agree that the significant discrepancy between Bulgaria's declared policy of transporting at least 50 tonnes a year of heavy metal contained in spent fuel for reprocessing and its actions over the last four years constitute a breach of the obligations laid down by the directive?
2. Has it received any information on the failure to meet the above mentioned requirement and, if so, what actions has it taken or does it intend to take?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32011L0070&from=EN>

² <https://me.government.bg/bg/themes/aktualizirana-strategiya-za-upravlenie-na-otraboteno-yadreno-gorivo-i-radioaktivni-otpadaci-do-2030-g-1657-295.html>