

**Question for written answer P-000697/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Circular economy package and waste management plans

On 2 December the Commission presented a new legislative package on the circular economy. One of the conclusions set out in the package texts is that there needs to be a paradigm shift and a comprehensive public policy on waste management. The Commission states that EU funding for incineration plants and mechanical biological waste treatment facilities will be limited and employed only in exceptional cases.

1. What approach will the Commission adopt to circular economy principles (for example biodegradable waste and critical raw materials) in order to incorporate them into and/or bring them into line with existing cohesion policy partnership agreements and operational programmes?
2. Will the Commission use its influence with a view to changing the waste management plans of Member States in which mechanical biological waste treatment facilities and incineration plants are classed as strategic projects? If so, how?
3. What attitude will the Commission take to existing projects to build facilities of the above types which are already under way or in which construction work is being carried out using EU funds?