

**Question for written answer E-007047/2012  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Refuse disposal facility in the Rijeka region of Croatia

The old refuse disposal facility at Viševac in the Rijeka region of Croatia is closing down, while the new one at Mariščina – where the refuse is now being taken – apparently does not have the necessary permits. This new regional refuse disposal site, with a capacity of 450 000 m<sup>3</sup> (serving a population of 306 000) is partly financed (to the tune of approximately EUR 30 million) from EU funds.

The refuse is dissolving and having a huge impact on quality of life. The smell is contaminating the air and toxins are polluting water wells.

1. Is the Commission aware of the above situation and the problems with the regional refuse disposal site?
2. Does the Commission have any information on funding for this project being spent irregularly, and, if so, will it investigate these irregularities? If any irregularities are discovered, will urgent measures be taken?
3. Does the Commission have any information on whether all the EU funding has been used and whether the facility has been completed? Can it disclose the budget and accounts for the project? If not, why not?
4. Normal life is impossible within a six-kilometre radius of the disposal facility. What can and will the EU do to remedy this situation?