

**Question for written answer E-001301/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Irregularities in the project to set up the Marišćina county waste management centre (ŽCGO), co-financed by the Commission and the EIB

Under the bilateral co-financing agreement (No 2007HR16IPR001) between the Croatian Government and the Commission concerning the Marišćina ŽCGO project, which is termed a major project, the individual phases of the project are exactly laid down.

The agreement also clearly stipulates that phase 0 of the project covers only the preliminary activities of preparing the site and the ancillary facilities. Chapter 6 consists of an appendix listing the EU directives relating to landfills, waste, and environmental protection with which the project has to comply.

Two years ago, however, phase 0 of the project was turned into phase 0-1, enabling the authorities concerned (the Ministry of Construction and the Ministry for Environmental Protection and Nature Conservation) to issue permits that have served to create a crude rubbish tip where, contrary to Directive 2006/12/EC, unauthorised waste is dumped in holes dug in the ground (or cells, as they are called) under the guise of three-year 'temporary storage'.

1. Will the Commission call in an expert to examine the current situation on the ground?
2. If it proves to be the case that the phase 0-1 temporary storage permits have been issued in breach of the agreement and the directive, and that no study has been carried out on the environmental impact of temporary landfilling of waste, will the Croatian authorities be penalised and a decision taken to prohibit the further disposal of unauthorised waste in landfill cells?