

**Question for written answer E-004305/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Green infrastructure

The World Health Organisation reports that 7 million people died in 2012 as a result of exposure to air pollution¹.

One of the ways to combat air pollution is through green infrastructure, which provides natural air purification and a variety of other eco-services and health benefits.

In its communication of 6 May 2013 on green infrastructure (COM(2013)0249), the Commission undertook to:

1. set up an EU financing facility by 2014 to support people seeking to develop GI projects and;
2. develop technical guidance setting out how green infrastructure will be integrated into regional, cohesion, climate change and environmental policies.

Given the urgent need to combat air pollution, can the Commission outline what progress has been made towards the above-mentioned goals and say when they are expected to be achieved?

¹ <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2014/air-pollution/en/>