Question for written answer E-001091/2017 to the Commission

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Subject: Reference document on best available techniques for large combustion plants (LCP

BREF) (2)

The Commission is currently preparing an update of the LCP BREF (Reference Document on Best Available Techniques for Large Combustion Plants), which will set new operating conditions for plants in certain IPPC categories, in accordance with Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (IED). Such plants include combustion plants with a rated thermal input exceeding 50 MW, including plants for generating electricity. On 20 October 2016, the Forum for the exchange of information referred to in Article 13 of Directive 2010/75/EU was held in Brussels. At a meeting of Parliament's Environment Committee on 30 January 2017, an exchange of views with the Commission took place on the review of the LCP BREF. The Commission representatives did not answer all the questions asked then by MEPs, and we are therefore now asking this written question.

- Will studies be undertaken that take account of the potential effects of the limits proposed by DG ENV for deliberation by the Commission committee pursuant to Article 75 IED for large combustion plants (LCP) with a capacity exceeding 300 MW in operation in the Member States?
- 2. Currently, large combustion plants are undergoing renovation with a view to complying with the commitments by 2020. How will cases be resolved where the new limits once agreed upon at the meeting of the Commission committee pursuant to Article 75 IED modify the original targets which the ongoing reconstruction of plants is designed to achieve?
- 3. Are Member States and DG ENV prepared for the arbitration that may be involved, for example in respect of lost investment?

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