

**Question for written answer E-000688/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Air quality in the Central Area of Asturias and the possible consequences of EU directives being breached

On 30 January 2018, the Commission invited the environment ministers from the governments of nine Member States to a meeting to address the shortcomings found in these countries' fulfilment of their obligations concerning air quality, as laid out in EU legislation, with particular regard to Directive 2008/50/EC. Furthermore, the Commissioner has requested that these Member States submit a list of the measures they intend to take to rectify the situation in the coming days. If they fail to do this, the Commission has threatened to launch infringement proceedings against them.

As regards Spain, the Commission holds data confirming the dangerously high levels of air pollution in the Principality of Asturias, particularly in the Central Area of Asturias.

1. What data does the Commission have on the levels of air pollution in the Central Area of Asturias and, more specifically, the Gijón/Xixón agglomeration?
2. By the time it answers this question, the Commission will have already received a response from the Spanish government. What measures have been announced that deal specifically with the Central Area of Asturias and, in particular, the Gijón/Xixón agglomeration?