Question for written answer E-004162/2018 to the Commission
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Subject: Implementation of Directive 1999/31/EC in Romania

On 14 February 2018, the National Agency for the Protection of the Environment in Romania issued a new integrated environmental authorisation for operating the landfill facility situated in the Chiajna-Rudeni area near Bucharest. The authorisation is valid until 2028 and was issued despite many complaints and protests by local residents, who are unhappy with the very poor air quality caused by burning waste.

The Romanian authorities and representatives of the landfill site claim that the level of emissions in the area is within the legal limits. However, the air quality in neighbouring areas is very bad, and residents complain that the chemical substances in the emissions are affecting their health.

What information does the Commission have on this situation, given that the Romanian authorities claim that environmental regulations are not being infringed?

What measures is the Commission considering to ensure that the Romanian authorities and the landfill representatives comply with Directive 1999/31/EC, in particular with the provisions on odour emissions in Annex I, given that a case has already been brought against Romania by the European Court of Justice for infringing this Directive?

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