

**Question for written answer E-006400/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Waste management by the Peloponnese Region

In June 2018, the Peloponnese Region signed an agreement with a contractor for the project 'Comprehensive Management of the Waste of the Peloponnese Region under a PPP¹', which includes three processing plants and three landfill sites.

The agreement stipulates that the project will have an annual capacity of 200 000 tonnes of mixed municipal waste and an annual guaranteed processing quantity of 150 000 tonnes.

In addition to the above, the following should be taken into account:

- the Regulations enacted by the EU in 2018 which provide for intermediate recycling/reuse targets of 55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035,
 - the fact that actual annual weight calculations carried out provided a waste production estimate of 200 000 - 210 000 tonnes,
 - the fact that the above-mentioned agreement will result in an enormous increase in sanitation charges, i.e. 300% or 400% on top of what is usually paid, doubtless partly as a result of the way the project has been split into three sub-projects:
1. Does the Commission plan to fund three sub-projects, when at least two of these are 25 kilometres away from each other, by definition multiplying the costs and the environmental nuisance? Has the possibility of merging the sub-projects been considered?
 2. Can the Commission confirm that the existence of the guaranteed annual amount of 150 000 tonnes is compatible with the new European legislation on the reduction of waste going to landfill? Can it also confirm that it does not constitute a disincentive to a dialogue on source and on recycling?

¹ PPP: public-private partnership.