

**Question for written answer E-000256/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Operation of a new landfill near the village of Grammatiko

Plans to begin operating on a trial basis a new landfill near the village of Grammatiko being promoted by the SYRIZA government and the local and regional administration, which will affect the health and quality of life of ordinary working people, are being opposed by local residents, bodies and associations. The Greek government is endeavouring to defuse the situation by claiming that the first consignments of waste to be deposited in the landfill will be small in scale.

The concession of waste management to business groupings - which are also being subsidised in that connection - solely in order to open up new sources of profit is a development that, by implementing the relevant EU directives and guidelines, will aggravate the crime initially committed by previous governments. At the same time, this hugely expensive and environmentally destructive project, which is located in an inappropriate site, will lead to the pollution of the marine environment and the degradation of the area as a whole and become a permanent and serious threat to the health of local residents.

On the basis of the above, will the Commission say how it views the demand by local inhabitants, bodies and associations that:

1. Plans to operate a new landfill near the village of Grammatiko either on a trial or on a regular basis should be scrapped?
2. Waste management should not be outsourced to private enterprise?
3. Absolute guarantees must be given that all cleaning staff will be given stable and permanent employment with full rights?