

**Question for written answer E-002363/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Ambient air quality in Puglia

Article 23 of Directive 2008/50/EC provides that 'Where, in given zones or agglomerations, the levels of pollutants in ambient air exceed any limit value or target value, plus any relevant margin of tolerance in each case, Member States shall ensure that air quality plans are established for those zones and agglomerations in order to achieve the related limit value or target value specified in Annexes XI and XIV.'

By means of Regional Executive Decision no 774/2018, the Puglia Region has launched an update of the regional air quality plan given that the existing plan had been rendered ineffective by the subsequent legislation which had never been fully complied with.<sup>1</sup>

Italy is currently subject to an infringement procedure (2014/2147) for exceeding the limit values of PM<sub>10</sub>. The infringements concerned 19 zones and agglomerations, including zone IT1613 encompassing the municipalities of Taranto and Brindisi. While the Puglia Region did not receive any official notification with regard to infringement procedure 2015/2043 concerning excessive NO<sub>2</sub> limit values, since it was not concerned by the initial infringement, this is no longer the case.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

- 1) Will it be calling on the Puglia Region to adopt the new regional air quality plan, in accordance with Article 23 of Directive 2008/50/EC, given the ineffectiveness of the existing plan?
- 2) Can it provide an update on the current state of infringement proceedings 2014/2147 and 2015/2043?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.regione.puglia.it/documents/10192/27761877/DEL\\_744\\_2018.pdf/2105a209-da97-4ca5-b42d-8b4da2b1f454?version=1.0](http://www.regione.puglia.it/documents/10192/27761877/DEL_744_2018.pdf/2105a209-da97-4ca5-b42d-8b4da2b1f454?version=1.0)