

**Question for written answer E-003595/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Two European Environment Agency reports recommend better waste management in the European Union

On 28 October 2019, the European Environment Agency (EEA) published two reports – one on the role of plastic waste export in the circular economy and the other providing a snapshot of resource losses from waste management (electrical and electronic equipment, end of life batteries and textile and plastic waste).

The findings of these reports are sobering: based on the 2015 figures presented by the EEA, 30 million tonnes of plastic waste is generated in the EU each year, of which only 17% is reused or recycled.

This poor management of – mainly plastic – waste is damaging to the environment and the climate, due mainly to plastic and micro-plastic waste being disposed of on land and in waterways.

1. Given that on average 170 kg of waste, consisting mainly of plastics and metals, is generated per person per year in the EU, what new measures not provided for in the EU's plastics strategy will the Commission take in the coming months?
2. Does the Commission plan to set a quantified target for reducing the consumption of plastics in the form of packaging waste as part of the 2020 review of the Packaging Waste Directive? Might such a target also be set for the construction sector, which also uses large amounts of plastics?