

**Question for written answer E-000186/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Pollution of the river Alfeios

The dumping of a hundred thousand waste packages on the banks of the river Alfeios, just outside the town of Pyrgos, Elis, has turned an area of 50 hectares into a landfill, degrading the environment and polluting both the river and the sea area into which it flows.

The adoption of Law 4042/2012 brought Greek legislation into line with Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste. Given that Article 28 of this Directive provides for Member States to draw up waste management plans, which in accordance with Article 33 thereof must be submitted to the Commission, will the Commission say:

1. On the basis of the data and reports available to the Commission on waste management plans and waste prevention programmes, what is Greece's record in achieving the European Directive's objectives for 2014-2020 ?
2. What planned actions are considered likely to help meet the objectives?
3. Are there any funds available from the 7th European Environment Action Programme (2014-2020) that could be used to take corrective action?