

**Question for written answer E-000352/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Air pollution from wood burning

According to the Hellenic Cancer Society, the high density of particulate matter in the air consistently recorded by all WHO studies and findings is greatly increasing the incidence of cancer (among those exposed) and numerous respiratory diseases.

Air pollution from wood burners takes the form of suspended particulate matter (PM10 & PM2.5), benzopyrene, carbon monoxide and matter from incomplete combustion.

In the meantime, Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe sets air quality standards with limits for the concentration of pollutants in the air we breathe.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether current EU air quality standards are in line with the latest WHO findings?
2. Is European funding available for measures to tackle air pollution and improve air quality?