

Question for written answer E-003024/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Waste crisis in Calabria

For several days, a waste management crisis has been looming in Calabria, as a result of the usual financial sustainability issues, as well as the lack of designated waste disposal sites.

The accumulation of rubbish on the city streets is causing a serious sanitary emergency, which is being exacerbated by rising temperatures and the COVID-19 pandemic. Decisions therefore have to be taken without further delay to ensure service continuity and avoid any risks to public health.

Moreover, by 5 July 2020, which is the deadline for the transposition of Directive (EU) 2018/851, amending Directive 2008/98/EC, Calabria has to submit its regional waste management plan to the Commission, reviewed in line with recent EU waste legislation which sets new requirements in areas such as waste prevention and separate collection, as well as more ambitious recycling targets and a landfill reduction target.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say:

whether it believes that waste in Calabria is currently disposed of safely and in accordance with the law?

whether Calabria has already submitted an updated regional waste management plan or a draft thereof?

how long it will take before the new public waste treatment plants – initially scheduled for completion by the end of 2020 – are operational?