

**Question for written answer E-004059/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Further questions about the new Circular Economy Action Plan

Parts of the Commission communication entitled 'A new Circular Economy Action Plan For a cleaner and more competitive Europe' ¹ are at odds with the principle of subsidiarity.

1. Does the Commission consider the introduction of binding minimum criteria and targets for the environmentally oriented award of public contracts, together with a system of mandatory reporting and monitoring of Member States, unveiled in its communication to be an infringement of the principle of subsidiarity, especially because mandatory compliance with EU legal targets may make it difficult to take into account both the object of the contract and national, regional and local circumstances?
2. On page 15, the Commission announces new waste reduction targets for some waste streams. When will the necessary guidelines for this waste reduction be published, since the publication of such guidelines has often been delayed in the past and it is unclear whether and how existing targets can be achieved in the Member States?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=COM:2020:98:FIN>