

**Question for written answer E-005110/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Waste Management Centres – European money repeatedly funds dysfunctional WMCs that do not know what they will produce and to whom they will sell it

The County Waste Management Centre (CWMC) in Marišćina is a central part of the integrated waste management system of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County, and warnings about its dysfunctionality ¹ and the danger it poses to human health ² due to inadequate waste management have been raised by many experts ³, associations and independent organisations.

It is evident that CWMC Marišćina does not meet legal standards or function in accordance with the laws and regulations, and, in particular, with Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste.

1. Why are European funds financing projects that are completely dysfunctional, oversized and overpriced, that use inadequate technology and that pollute the environment ⁴ while creating operational costs that local people will not be able to pay through monthly service bills ⁵, leading to poverty and displacement, in this case, among those living in the vicinity of CWMC Marišćina, 51216 Viškovo, Croatia?
2. Why is the construction of WMC Babina Gora in Karlovac also being financed through a solid recovered fuel plant (SRF) which does not know what it will produce, of what quality, or to whom it will sell the product, as was confirmed by the waste management centre itself (see attachment)?
3. Why is the Commission using the same model to finance the construction of new WMCs, of which there will ultimately be a total of 11 in Croatia, with all of them having similar problems and designs as the dysfunctional CWMC in Marišćina ⁶?

¹ <https://www.novilist.hr/rijeka-regija/rijeka/mariscina-ponovo-ostala-bez-dozvole-direktor-tvr-di-da-papiri-nece-ukloniti-smrad-sa-smetlista/>

² <https://www.mariscina.com/sto-to-smrdi-na-mariscini/>

³ <https://www.novilist.hr/rijeka-regija/rijeka/strucnjak-objasnio-kakve-su-sanse-da-mariscina-ikad-prestane-smrdjeti-to-je-zlocinacki-poduhvat/>

⁴ <https://www.novilist.hr/rijeka-regija/rijeka/ponovo-lose-vijesti-od-nove-godine-oneciscenje-sumporovodikom-s-mariscine-vec-dostiglo-44-satna-prekoracenja/>

⁵ <https://www.index.hr/vijesti/clanak/rijecanima-odvoz-otpada-poskupio-110-posto-eko-udruga-pozvala-gradjane-da-reklamiraju-racune/1000259.aspx>

⁶ <http://hr.n1info.com/Vijesti/a535200/Smrad-s-Mariscine-kao-ogledni-primjer-za-jos-11-novih.html>