

**Question for written answer E-005474/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: EU-wide search for nuclear waste disposal facility?

For years the search has been under way in Germany for a nuclear waste disposal site, but there is as yet no sign of one being found¹. The criteria are, firstly, geological characteristics, with population density coming later.

Germany is densely populated in comparison with the EU as a whole, so the question arises as to whether there would be more suitable sites in other parts of the EU.

1. Are there EU-wide comparative studies showing where disposal facilities might best be sited?
2. Euratom is at the heart of the EU's history. It would therefore make sense to close this chapter of the EU by searching for and operating suitable sites together. Are efforts being made in this regard?

¹ <https://www.dw.com/de/deutschland-sucht-das-atomm%C3%BCll-endlager/a-55073688>