

Question for written answer E-000093/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Mapping and remediation of illegal Italian toxic waste sites

Following the infringement proceedings initiated by the Commission against Italy concerning the construction of nuclear waste disposal facilities, the company responsible, Sogin, finally announced the sites that were potentially suitable for housing this national storage facility.

However, in addition to the problem of legal waste disposal, there continues to be an even greater problem in Italy relating to the presence of numerous illegal landfills of highly toxic waste which, to date, have not yet been mapped and cleaned up: for example, the Terra dei fuochi area in Campania, the toxic waste shipwrecks in Calabria and the Val d'Agri in Basilicata.

As long as people are unsure about the state of health of the areas they live in, they will, understandably, be reluctant to accept any further waste – especially nuclear waste; it is therefore vital that the issue of illegal waste dumps be resolved before Sogin decides on the site.

To that end, since environmental protection is a top priority for the EU, can the Commission answer the following question:

Would it consider the option of calling on the Italian Government to use part of the Recovery Plan funds to map and remediate sites contaminated with illegal waste as a matter of urgency?