

**Question for written answer E-000371/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Air pollution in the city of Madrid

The Lancet Planetary Health has just published a study of 858 European cities by the Instituto de Salud Global de Barcelona (ISGlobal) which concludes that the Madrid metropolitan area is the urban area on the continent with the highest rate of mortality related to exposure to nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) pollution. The study maintains that if all the cities could achieve the same readings for air quality as the least polluted one, more than 79 000 premature deaths could be prevented every year through the reduction in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure.

Bearing in mind that implementing the European Green Deal is the Commission's priority for this term in office, and that reducing air pollution by setting its zero pollution action plan in motion forms part of this:

1. Does the Commission believe that Madrid's local and regional governments are implementing the policies needed for air pollution in the area to be reduced?
2. What steps is the Commission considering taking to ensure that effective air pollution policies are implemented and to prevent the adverse effects air pollution has on human health?