

**Question for written answer E-001583/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Waste management in Thessaloniki

A massive landfill receiving tonnes of refuse of all types, including building materials, car tyres, animal corpses, discarded furniture, etc. has been located in Western Thessaloniki close to the bus terminal and not far from the city itself. This is a disaster waiting to happen, detracting from the quality of life and endangering public health in Thessaloniki. The first-tier local authority responsible for waste collection has decided that the landfill must be entrusted to a contractor with the requisite purification equipment and it is therefore necessary to issue invitations to tender.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether funding could be made available under the 8th Environment Action Programme (2014-2020) for the necessary corrective measures?
2. Have any EU programmes and actions been launched to ensure the proper collection and management of waste by public or private bodies?
3. Has the Commission been informed of any good practices in Member States regarding local waste collection and management designed to avoid refuse accumulation leading to irregular landfills in cities?