

**Question for written answer E-004085/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Hazards arising from construction of a waste treatment plant in Langadas.

An environmental impact study for a waste treatment plant in the western part of Central Macedonia has recently been approved. Invitations to tender are being issued under a public-private procurement procedure for the construction of a waste and a biowaste treatment unit.

The waste treatment plant is to be located in Zone 3 of the Koronia and Volvi Lakes National Park, which is already beset by many problems of this nature.

The processed waste (municipal waste and bio-waste) will be used to generate energy from 'alternative' RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) and SRF (Solid Recovered Fuel), which are carcinogenic when burned.

The Central Macedonia Solid Waste Management Agency is now putting forward plans for power generation from generalised waste incineration in Northern Greece, accompanied by further privatisation.

In view of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of urgent requests from local residents, organisations and associations for work on the waste treatment plant to be halted immediately and for the regional, central and EU authorities to stop promoting projects that are a serious threat to life and health, imposing yet another unfair economic and environmental burden on hard-pressed local residents?
2. What view does it take of the fact that the 'green strategy', together with the projected 'circular economy' and abandonment of coal, is in fact proving seriously harmful to the health, life and rights of local residents and to the environment itself, effectively sacrificing them on the altar of corporate profit?