

**Question for written answer E-004695/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Environmental issues linked to the Bonollo company

The Bonollo S.p.A. distillery in Conselve (Padua), Veneto, which produces grappa and distillates, is close to a densely populated area and 500 metres away from a school and a hospital. For years, its chimney stack has been emitting fumes and dust, together with other pollutants that are hazardous for health and produce an intense, nauseating odour, as confirmed by a number of tests. Noise emissions have also increased, especially at night.

Several accidents over the years have led to the release of slurry and other pollutants. Now, Bonollo has even decided to expand its industrial facilities by about 3 000 square metres.

Despite numerous complaints to the Public Prosecutor's Office responsible and to local institutions, citizens have not achieved any significant results. The provincial authorities have not taken any decision and Bonollo continues to work on the basis of self-declarations, and to expand. The company's significant increase in production over the years should have meant that it had to work under a strict environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure, but this has not been done and it has continued to operate under a 'single environmental authorisation' (AUA) procedure.

In view of this, can the Commission say whether EU law has been infringed by the company in question?