Question for written answer E-005468/2021 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Does the Martucci landfill comply with the rules?

The Martucci landfill, in the Conversano countryside on the border with Mola di Bari, has been seized by government authorities for having infringed environmental rules. The Apulia Region is now proposing that it be remediated, with a view, in particular, to using the tanks to produce fuel derived from solid waste. Remediation would only take place until 2027, but the plan does not provide for any alternative to this landfill when it is closed; there is therefore a risk that its re-opening might be delayed indefinitely. In addition, the landfill, which covers an area of 30 hectares, has a leachate problem which is causing pollution in the underlying aquifers used for irrigation. It was built in a karst area without any specific requirements when it was opened, and according to witnesses, whole lorries containing hazardous waste are buried underground there.

In the Commission's view, does the remediation of this landfill comply with Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste and with Directive (EU) 2018/850?

Could it not also assess whether the impact assessment of the Regional Waste Plan currently being approved complies with Directive 2006/118/EC on the protection of groundwater?