

**Question for written answer E-000003/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Noise pollution

According to a 2020 European Environment Agency report¹ on environmental noise in Europe, excessive noise contributes to 48 000 new cases of heart disease per year and 12 000 premature deaths in the EU. Over 21 million people suffer high annoyance as a result of noise, while nearly 6.5 million have their sleep disturbed.

The Environmental Noise Directive (END) is currently the main EU instrument to identify noise pollution levels and trigger the necessary action, both at Member State and at EU level. The END requires Member States to prepare and publish noise maps and noise management action plans every five years.

1. How does the Commission assess the effectiveness of the END considering that it doesn't set limits or target values, nor does it prescribe the measures to be included in the action plans?
2. Does the Commission intend to take the lead in the legislative regulation of noise pollution?

¹ <https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/environmental-noise-in-europe>