

**Question for written answer E-000381/2022
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Subject: Proposal on restricting microplastics

The Commission intends to present its proposal to restrict intentionally added microplastics to the Member States at the April meeting of the Committee established under the Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals. The delay of almost one-year in presenting the proposal means that microplastics have continued to be released into the environment, which is not in line with the Commission's pledge to end microplastic pollution.

1. Will the Commission ambitiously address all the key issues referenced in the European Chemicals Agency's opinion¹ in its proposal, specifically with regard to nanoplastics, solubles, biodegradables and infill in sport pitches?
2. Will its proposal take into account the ongoing delay, which has de facto prolonged the use of microplastics, in order to tip the balance in favour of ambitious measures on the key aspects of the proposal?

¹ Joint opinion from the Committee for Risk Assessment and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis:
<https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/a513b793-dd84-d83a-9c06-e7a11580f366>