The Waste Framework Directive (WFD)\(^1\) requires Member States to take the necessary measures to ensure that waste management is carried out without causing a nuisance through noise or odours (Article 13). The Directive also requires installations for waste treatment to have a permit (Article 23), or otherwise comply with general rules laid down by the Member State that are designed to ensure that waste is treated in accordance with Article 13 (Article 25). It is the competence of the relevant authorities at national, regional or local level to ensure that the EU rules on waste are respected by waste treatment installations on their territory.

While the Commission does not have the powers to inspect individual waste treatment installations, it takes actions to ensure the systemic compliance of Member States with EU rules on waste. For example, the Commission services are currently assessing the waste management plan notified by the Lazio Region\(^2\), where the composting facility referred to is located, against the detailed requirements under the WFD (Article 28)\(^3\). Should the assessment show that the plan does not meet these requirements, the Commission will consider as part of a horizontal assessment, concerning all Member States, the action to be taken to ensure such compliance of the plan.

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\(^3\) For example, Article 28(3) (d) provides that the plan has to contain, as appropriate, sufficient information on the location criteria for site identification and on the capacity of future disposal or major recovery installations.