

**Question for written answer E-000430/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Limit on the construction of new landfills and the EU Circular Economy Plan: the case of Sicilian landfills

In 2021, as part of the provincial waste management plan, the SRR ATO 7 Ragusa¹ identified the sites in macro area I (between Acate and Vittoria) and macro area VII a-b (between Modica and Ispica) for the construction of a landfill for residual municipal waste. In the second macro area in particular, the landfill would impact on a densely populated agricultural and tourist area of great natural value, with no specific limits, which lies 2.5 km from the ITA080009 Cava d'Ispica Site of Community Interest. In the same area, the Cava dei Modicani landfill site and another municipal landfill closed down 25 years ago, and for which clean-up work was scheduled but never carried out, are already pressing issues.

The EU's Circular Economy Action Plan limits to 10% by 2035 the maximum amount of waste that can be disposed of in landfill sites.

Bearing in mind the complaints filed by neighbouring municipalities for procedural infringements, such as the absence of an SEA under the provincial plan (Directive 2001/42/EC), can the Commission state:

1. Whether a maximum limit already exists on landfills in any given area or whether it intends to set one?
2. Whether the opening of the new landfill site in question contravenes the legislation on (Directive EU/850/2018) and on protected areas (Habitats Directive)?
3. Whether it feels it lawful to identify a site as part of a waste management plan that not subject to an SEA?

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¹ Decision of the general meeting of members of 17 June 2021, report No 67.