

**Question for written answer E-000729/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU response to contamination by forever chemicals

The European investigative 'Forever Pollution Project'<sup>1</sup>, carried out in collaboration with *Le Monde* and *The Guardian*, has uncovered that 17 000 sites across Europe<sup>2</sup> are permanently contaminated by 'forever chemicals'.

There are more than 4 700 forever chemicals. With non-stick, non-stain properties, they are useful for making products such as kitchen utensils, clothes and fire-fighting foams.

They can cause many health problems, including hypercholesterolaemia, ulcerative colitis, pregnancy-induced hypertension, thyroid diseases, cancer and reduced vaccine effectiveness.

It should be noted that Belgium is the country most affected by this type of pollution.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission agree with the findings of the Forever Pollution Project investigation?
2. What measures is it taking to protect both the environment and human health from the risks posed by these forever chemicals?

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<sup>1</sup> [www.foreverpollution.eu](http://www.foreverpollution.eu)

<sup>2</sup> UK included.