

**Question for written answer E-002304/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Tackling microplastic pellet pollution

The Commission has committed to addressing the issue of microplastic pollution, with a specific focus on tackling the largest, most direct source: plastic pellet pollution.

Plastic pellet pollution has had devastating environmental consequences and poses significant risks to biodiversity and human health. While instances of this form of pollution are widely reported across Europe, quantifying the full extent of the problem is hindered by legislative gaps, a lack of transparency and poor practices across the supply chain as a whole, allowing businesses to avoid taking action and preserve a so-called competitive edge.

The current state of the environment clearly demonstrates the need for a robust and binding regulation that covers the entire supply chain.

1. Considering the pressing nature of the situation, can the Commission offer reassurance that it will uphold its commitment to promptly presenting a compelling proposal on this matter, enabling its adoption prior to the conclusion of the current legislative term?
2. What specific measures does it intend to include in this proposal in order to effectively tackle microplastic pollution at the source?
3. How does the Commission plan to ensure the proposal's implementation and enforcement once it comes into effect?

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