

**Question for written answer E-002706/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Waste management centres also a problem in Romania

The EU has invested hundreds of millions of euros in building modern waste management centres in Romania. According to research by Deutsche Welle¹, the state of collection and sorting of municipal waste in Romania is unsatisfactory and Romania has major problems ranging from minimal recycling to illegal landfills. Romania recycles only 14% of its municipal waste, and even this small amount of sorted waste is collected by municipal trucks together with mixed municipal waste. It is clear that Romania's waste recycling system is not working, the CGOs are not working, and the question arises as to whose interest it was in to build such dysfunctional waste management centres.

1. Is it possible for the Commission to approve CGO projects without monitoring their implementation and operations once construction has been completed?
2. Does the Commission intend to radically change its policy and sanction those responsible for this state of affairs?
3. How does the Commission intend to resolve problems such as those in Romania, which are present throughout Europe (e.g. Croatia, Greece, etc.)?

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¹ <https://www.dw.com/en/waste-management-in-romania-eu-cash-heading-for-the-dump/video-66617218>