

**Question for written answer E-002707/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: How many fines has Croatia paid each year for waste disposal and non-functioning waste management centres?

According to the Commission's report of 8 June 2023, Croatia risks missing its targets of recycling 55% of municipal and packaging waste by 2025 and 60% by 2035.

In Croatia, only four cities currently meet the EU's 50% municipal waste separation target, and there are no signs that the 60% target is likely to be met. The situation on the ground is worrying. The Commission is financing the uncontrolled construction of overpriced waste management centres whose maintenance costs cannot be scrutinised by the users of the services, while at the same time in Croatian towns and cities trucks from municipal companies are collecting all the already sorted waste together with mixed municipal waste¹, because sorting and composting systems do not exist or do not work.

1. How is it possible for the Commission not to be monitoring the implementation of waste collection and imposing fines?
2. Who is responsible for this situation?
3. How many fines has Croatia paid each year for waste disposal and non-functioning waste management centres?

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¹ <https://vijesti.hrt.hr/hrvatska/smece-u-istom-kosu-10540906>