

**Question for written answer E-002962/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Fyli 'landfill site' and landfills in general

The EU's policy on landfill sites, as it is currently enforced, accepts and perpetuates their existence and expansion even though they are blatantly operating as uncontrolled dumpsites.

Trade unions and grass-roots organisations have been complaining about the deteriorating situation – for which all Greek governments and the regional and municipal authorities bear responsibility – calling for the closure of landfill sites that have either been turned into uncontrolled dumpsites or reached saturation point and demanding immediate clean-up measures.

What view does the Commission take of the fact that:

1. EU directives and regulations, together with the support given by regional and municipal authorities which are lining the pockets of waste management companies, are sustaining facilities that spread cancer among local residents while polluting and contaminating the environment, a prime example being the Fyli 'landfill' which is in fact operating as an ordinary rubbish dump?
2. While the serious adverse health effects of rubbish dumps on workers and local residents is well known, governments and regional and municipal authorities who all these years have been seeking to enforce the EU's harmful strategy, continue to do nothing to protect people's health, failing to provide sufficient up-to-date information on the recorded impact the dumps are having on people's health, as is the case, for example, with the epidemiological survey on the detrimental effects of the Fyli rubbish dump on the health of the population of Fyli and the surrounding area, a survey which has for years been kept locked away by the government, the Attica regional authority and the region's solid waste management authority (EDSNA)?

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