

**Question for written answer E-003307/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Air pollution at the 'former Roma camp' on via Mastellone in Barra

Hazardous waste of various kinds is being systematically dumped in an illegal landfill on an area of 16 000 m³ known as the 'former Roma camp' on Via Mastellone in Barra. To make matters worse, the waste is regularly burned and continues to smoulder since the last fire, set in July 2023 (which caused the hospitalisation of several citizens living in this area with a high incidence of cancer), generating smoke of unknown composition which is a potential risk to human health. Dozens of citizens' associations are exasperated because people are being made to inhale potentially harmful substances without receiving any reassurance. Despite verbal promises by the institutions nominally in charge (the municipal and regional authorities), nothing has yet been done.

Given that no information whatsoever has been forthcoming on the potentially toxic compounds emitted in this case, can the Commission say:

1. What it intends to do to remind the authorities responsible of their monitoring, reporting and publication obligations under Directive 2008/50/EC?
2. What other action within its powers does it intend to take to safeguard the health of eastern Naples residents and fulfil people's legitimate expectations to exercise their right to breathe clean air and thus live in dignity?

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