

**Question for written answer E-003400/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Baixo Cávado e Vale do Lima landfill site: an assault on the environment

Over 10 months ago, we told the Commission about what is happening at the Baixo Cávado e Vale do Lima landfill site in Paradelas, run by the company Resulima. Since it opened in early 2022, residents in Barcelos and Póvoa de Varzim have been staunchly opposed the site, above all because of the persistent unpleasant odours it emits.

The North Region Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-N) has visited the site. It confirmed the presence of nauseating smells and identified eight breaches at the site, including '... a new water borehole (...) for which no licence had been requested.' However, neither the CCDR-N nor the national bodies responsible have made taken any steps to resolve the matter or even lessen the landfill's negative impact on the region.

Photos and eyewitness accounts from early November 2023 attest to untreated waste being deposited at the landfill site, making the previous situation even worse.

Given these blatant breaches of the Water Framework Directive and the amending directive on waste, what steps will the Commission take to make sure Portugal complies with those laws?

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