

**Question for written answer E-003510/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides – Renewal of Italy's National Action Plan

The Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive requires all Member States to draw up and regularly update a national action plan.

Italy's national action plan has not been revised since 2014, despite the facts that Member States are obliged to regularly update their national action plans and that a public consultation on a new action plan was already conducted in Italy back in 2019. There are currently no public reports on when a new action plan could enter into force.

This gives rise to the following questions:

1. Does the Commission think that this nine-year interval for the renewal of Italy's national action plan is compatible with the rules set out in the Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides? And if not, what measures will the Commission take to ensure that Member States such as Italy fulfil their obligations regarding national action plans?
2. Does the Commission have information on when Italy plans to publish and implement the new national action plan, and how is the Italian government justifying this delayed renewal of the national action plan?

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