

**Question for written answer E-000764/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Improving the treatment of mixed household waste

Based on data from 2021, an estimated 49.6 % of household waste is recycled or composted, up 3.6 percentage points on 2017.

These figures demonstrate an improvement in waste treatment, but overlook two crucial aspects: recycling is not yet automatic, as waste still has to be flared and buried; and the treatment of some kinds of waste is still sorely lacking.

At present, the simplest kinds of waste – such as paper, glass, metal and plastic – are sorted into separate bins. However, there are still problems with mixed household waste because it is often treated incorrectly and therefore loses its value.

With the above in mind:

1. How does the Commission intend to improve systems to better manage mixed household waste?
2. What steps has the Commission taken to encourage those involved at local and national level to better manage mixed household waste?

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