

**Question for written answer E-000879/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Energy-from-waste plants in Sicily

Italy has legally appointed a government commissioner to oversee the building of 'energy-from-waste plants in which the combustion process delivers a high level of energy recovery' in Sicily.

Directives 850/2018/EU and 851/2018/EU stipulate that by 2035 the amount of municipal waste landfilled must be reduced to 10% or less and that waste sent for disposal prior to recovery should be considered for the purposes of calculating the landfill target.

Since the terms 'energy-from-waste' and 'high energy recovery' do not feature in the EU legislation, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is an energy-from-waste plant not an incinerator subject to legislation on incineration?
2. What is meant by 'high energy recovery' in the light, inter alia, of EU Regulation 241/2020 and Directive 2008/98/EC?
3. Can mechanical biological treatment be deemed a recovery operation?

The waste management plan should specify the disposal site and method for waste that has undergone a recovery operation and, as such, is no longer categorised under code EWR 20 but considered special waste.

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