

**Question for written answer P-000181/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Lombardy's air quality intervention plan adopted in 2018

During the first nine days of the year, and for five consecutive days, levels of airborne fine particulate matter well above the legal limits were recorded in the provinces of Milan, Pavia and Cremona.<sup>1</sup> In particular, Milan saw levels well above the limit of 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, with a peak of 123 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The Lombardy region's air quality intervention plan (PRIA), adopted in 2018,<sup>2</sup> stipulates that if the limit for fine particulate matter is exceeded for five consecutive days, temporary measures will be activated only when the weather conditions are not favourable to the dispersion of such matter.

Moreover, as the text of Regional Decree No 9993 of 10 July 2018 makes clear, no environmental impact assessment, mandatory under Directive 2001/42/EC, was conducted for the PRIA.<sup>3</sup>

1) Does the Commission consider that the PRIA, by making anti-pollution measures contingent on weather conditions unfavourable to the dispersion of pollutants and not providing for an automatic mechanism, can genuinely improve air quality and the environment?

2) In light of the ineffectiveness of the previous plan (PRIA 2013), does the Commission believe it wise not to conduct an environmental impact for the 2018 plan, particularly given the fact that this specifically precludes consultation of the people concerned?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://lombardia.legambiente.it/contenuti/comunicati/smog-polveri-sottili-spazzate-dal-vento-ma-5-giorni-livelli-oltre-i-limiti-serv>

<sup>2</sup> [Available online at: <http://www.regione.lombardia.it/wps/wcm/connect/fb99bca7-07c6-4af3-bdaa-e1f89a6982c4/Allegato+1+Aggiornamento+PRIA+2018.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=fb99bca7-07c6-4af3-bdaa-e1f89a6982c4>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cittadiniperlaria.org/ricorso-tar-pria-regione-lombardia-2018/>

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