

**Priority question for written answer P-003821/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Waste crisis in Reggio Calabria

Concern is growing about the waste crisis in the city of Reggio Calabria, where growing piles of rubbish are posing a very serious risk to public health.

Thousands of tonnes of waste have been left lining the city's streets near homes, shops and apartment buildings.

The problem is said to stem from Calabria's lack of waste treatment and disposal facilities, as well as the Region's decision to stop sending waste to the private disposal site in Crotona.

This situation is making life very difficult for the residents of Reggio Calabria and indeed the entire province, as, with temperatures rising, they are surrounded by mounds of discarded waste.

In the light of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Do the measures so far adopted by the Calabria Region and the Metropolitan City of Reggio Calabria in order to put an end to this emergency comply with Directives (EU) 2018/851 and 2008/98/EC on waste?
2. Is Order No. 45 of 20.5.2020 of the President of the Calabria Region which provides for urgent measures to ensure the proper management of municipal waste, including the identification of temporary waste storage sites, in compliance with European regulations and policies in this matter?
3. Would it consider sending inspectors to visit the areas affected by this crisis?