

**Priority question for written answer P-003603/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Waste prevention for municipal solid waste

The amount of waste generated in the EU has only increased over the last decade and current EU legislation does not provide any clear pathways for waste prevention. Given this bleak situation, this year's public consultation for the revision of the Waste Framework Directive<sup>1</sup> (WFD) seemed promising when outlining its objectives 'to reduce waste generation, increase re-use, and improve separate collection to promote preparing for re-use and quality recycling'<sup>2</sup>. However, the 2023 Commission work programme no longer envisages waste prevention measures for waste streams other than food waste.

1. Can the Commission explain how it intends to curb the increasing amount of waste being generated, especially the amount of municipal solid waste, if not via legislative measures provided for in the WFD?
2. Will it consider setting specific waste prevention targets for different waste streams, such as residual waste or textile waste, in the future?

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<sup>1</sup> Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3).

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13225-Environmental-impact-of-waste-management-revision-of-EU-waste-framework/public-consultation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13225-Environmental-impact-of-waste-management-revision-of-EU-waste-framework/public-consultation_en)