

**Priority question for written answer P-001249/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Croatian governments have been playing with people's health at the Crno Brdo site in Biljani Donji for over 10 years

It is deplorable that the Republic of Croatia has been putting people's health at risk at the Crno Brdo site in Biljani Donji for over 10 years¹. The state constantly stresses that the issue concerns raw materials, not waste, which is just one of the ways in which the Republic of Croatia is refusing to resolve the problem faced by the residents of the Biljani Donji area.

I would therefore like to emphasise that a Court of Justice judgment confirmed that 18 out of 25 samples collected at the site contained elevated concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

Given that the Commission has brought proceedings against the Republic of Croatia² for a second time in respect of the slag heaps near Biljani Donji:

1. Have these second proceedings before the European Court of Justice reached the stage of finally resolving the problem, or is the Republic of Croatia trying to delay the resolution of the problem?
2. Furthermore, will the Republic of Croatia be penalised financially by the Commission for its negligence and its constant refusal to resolve the problem of environmental pollution from waste?
3. Will the Commission take steps to force the Republic of Croatia to resolve this problem once and for all, by all means at its disposal, and to restore the inhabitants' right to normal living conditions?

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¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KygQKMTWfYw>

² <https://www.novolist.hr/novosti/hrvatska/europska-komisija-podigla-novu-tuzbu-hrvatska-bi-zbog-crnog-brda-mogla-platiti-visemilijunsku-kaznu/>