

**Priority question for written answer P-002347/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Plan for a second incinerator in the Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol region

It appears from the draft law governing the preparation of the mid-year budget No 184/XVI¹ and the addendum to the fifth amendment to the waste plan², that instead of expanding waste sorting and reducing urban waste in compliance with EU directives under the Green New Deal, the Autonomous Province of Trento plans to build an incinerator in the province. In Bolzano, there is already an incinerator being operated by eco center S.p.A. This would be the second in a region of approximately 1 million inhabitants. Incineration capacity would jump from 25% to more than 45%, against a national average of 18%. This would mean increased greenhouse gases and pollution, not to mention the fact that the project is economically non-viable.

The EU Waste Framework Directive has set some ambitious targets for urban waste recycling, to be met by 2035. If a second incinerator were to be built in Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol, it would become the Italian region with the highest number of incinerators per capita.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission comment on the appropriateness of this second incinerator in the Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol region?
2. Does Italy risk facing an infringement procedure if this incinerator is built?

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¹ https://www.consiglio.provincia.tn.it/_layouts/15/dispatcher/doc_dispatcher.aspx?app=idap&at_id=3003081.

² <https://www.appa.provincia.tn.it/Documenti-e-dati/Documenti-tecnici-di-supporto/Approvazione-in-via-preliminare-dell-addendum-al-Quinto-aggiornamento-del-Piano-provinciale-rifiuti>.