

**Priority question for written answer P-000020/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Greece is imposing increased waste management fees, infringing European recycling targets (Directive 2008/98/EC) and delaying crucial obligations

According to EU legislation (Directive 2008/98/EC), the Member States must reduce the disposal of waste in landfills to 10 % by 2030, promote recycling and comply with sustainable waste management targets. However, Greece is still disposing of 77.7 % of its waste in landfills, in breach of the directive, and is lagging behind in implementing vital policies on recycling and the circular economy. In addition, it has been late in submitting data on its preparations for reuse and recycling, triggering the opening of infringement proceedings by the Commission.

At the same time, the imposition of increased waste management fees on municipalities, without the creation of suitable recycling and waste treatment infrastructure, constitutes a financial burden on citizens and creates inequalities, without contributing to the attainment of the EU targets.

In view of this:

1. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure Greece complies with Directive 2008/98/EC?
2. Does it consider the increase in fees without recycling infrastructure to be lawful?
3. What sanctions are envisaged if Greece does not meet the 2030 targets?

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