

Question for written answer E-014828/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Sustainable waste management system

Croatia is required to establish a sustainable waste management system by the end of 2018. By that time all waste disposal sites must be put in order and brought into line with EU regulations, and landfills not conforming to the rules will all have to be closed down.

According to the statistics available, 92% of waste in Croatia is left untreated, whereas the EU average is 37% and in Germany, Austria, and the Netherlands the figure is as low as 2%.

The waste sorting and recycling process is not simple, but the benefits that it brings are many and varied. It helps to make people environmentally more aware and reduces the quantity of landfilled waste by 40%; it is a source of production materials for new products, which are then sold; and in the long run it opens up new jobs.

Given that Croatia ranks near the bottom when it comes to recycling waste in the EU, does the Commission have any means that could be employed to raise the percentage of treated waste in Croatia before 2018?