

**Question for written answer E-015044/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulation of labelling waste disposal sites with traffic signs

The international political treaty governing the form and use of road signs – the Convention of Road Signs and Signals (Vienna Convention of 1968) and subsequent relevant international documents – do not provide for a road sign indicating the direction to waste collection and disposal sites. Such sites established in the Member States of the European Union are usually located remotely from main roads, making them difficult for the population to find. Some Member States have difficulties erecting these signs near roads as relevant national authorities have not approved such signs, or refuse to do so, on the basis of the aforementioned Convention. Meanwhile, other countries create these signs and already use them according to their national procedures.

It should be noted that the right of each Member State to create their own sign is not acceptable, as it brings about confusion, and citizens of other Member States cannot properly recognise the purpose of these signs. It is no less important that the requirements for distance from the road apply to these signs and therefore often it is not possible to properly carry out the public information function. The situation is especially complex near main roads, which are subject to the greater distance requirement.

1. Is the Commission aware of this problem?
2. What action is the Commission planning to take to create a general sign of indication to waste collection sites in the European Union and ensure a legal basis for its proper use?