

**Question for written answer E-016076/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Biomass-fired combined heat and power (cogeneration) plant in Novaledo and air quality

In 2013 in the municipality of Novaledo, the company Novaledo Energia submitted a plan to build a biomass-fired combined heat and power (cogeneration) plant to produce energy for the nearby manufacturing site of the Menz&Gasser company.

On 30 May 2014, Provincial Decision No 124 of the director of the APRIE (provincial water and energy agency) of the Province of Trento approved the plan, stating that the plant could be built in 2016. Given that the plan will produce 999 kW of energy, it did not require an environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure.

The municipality of Novaledo is in an area considered by the APPA (provincial environmental protection agency) to be Category A, namely an area that requires attention to be paid to the environment due to various sources of different kinds of pollutants. Despite that, there is no sampling point in the municipality to measure, on fixed sites, concentrations of pollutants, as provided for in Annex V to Directive 2008/50/EC.

1. That said, can the Commission say whether the air quality plan of the Province of Trento complies with Directive 2008/50/EC, given the lack of a fixed measurement site in the municipality of Novaledo?
2. Can it also say whether the lack of such a fixed site and related measurements of pollutants has resulted in an impact assessment of the cogeneration plant based on a lack of data?