

**Question for written answer E-015003/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Compatibility with European law of the use of funds from the Central Nuclear Fund for other purposes, with particular reference to the Framework Directive on Nuclear Waste

The Hungarian Government has announced in a number of press releases that it plans to halt the payment by Paks nuclear power station of HUF 2 per kilowatt into the Central Nuclear Fund and instead to use the money to cover the losses of energy companies which have got into difficulties because of State price regulation, or to use it to reduce prices further through State intervention. These payments are the main source of financing to enable the nuclear fund to pay for the treatment of highly radioactive waste. At present the fund contains some HUF 240 billion, whereas the likely cost of final disposal of spent fuel rods and of waste from decommissioning exceeds HUF 1 000 billion (that is, in the case of the existing blocks at Paks; if the two new reactor blocks which are planned are built, the cost could even double).

Will it accord with the relevant European legislation, particularly the Framework Directive on Nuclear Waste, and with the 'polluter pays' principle, if in future the Hungarian Government exempts Paks nuclear power station from the requirement to pay the costs of treating waste?

Is it legal for the government to use the resources of the nuclear fund for purposes other than those originally intended?