Question for written answer E-016124/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Giulia Moi (EFDD)

Subject: Toxic burning of waste and monitoring of particulate matter levels

There are often bonfires of waste near Main Road 554 (municipal territory of Cagliari).

These fires blow smoke into the districts of Su Planu (Selargius) and Mulinu Becciu (Cagliari), constituting a serious health risk for residents, since burning waste emits significant amounts of toxic agents into the air.

Judicial investigations have established the existence of illicit trafficking in hazardous waste and, in 2012, the Preliminary Investigations Magistrate (GIP) of the Court of Cagliari issued a decree to sequester the area; nevertheless, illegal waste disposal activities continue.

Recently the European Environment Agency highlighted the extremely worrying finding that fine particle (PM10 and PM2.5) levels in Cagliari are higher than in such large cities as Brussels and Berlin.

Therefore, can the Commission answer the following question:

- What initiatives has the Member State taken to ensure compliance with the provisions of Directive 2008/50/EC on monitoring particulate matter levels?

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