

**Question for written answer E-001653/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Plans to build a crematorium for the incineration of corpses in a densely populated area of the city of Madrid

Madrid City Council has granted a building permit to the company Parcesa to build an incinerator at the M40 funeral parlour in a densely populated area. The main emissions from crematoriums¹ are nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and mercury, all of which are harmful to health and the atmosphere. EU legislation on industrial emissions, air quality and waste sets limits on these emissions due to their highly polluting and hazardous nature. In addition, the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive requires that the potential impact on air quality, soil, water and human health be assessed prior to any such construction.

Furthermore, Madrid's General Urban Development Plan provides that crematoriums must be located more than 250 m from any residential, educational-cultural or public health building. This planned construction does not comply with the rules and regulations in place, as there are homes, parks, schools, shopping centres and workplaces within this distance.

In view of this:

1. What is the Commission's view of the construction in a densely populated area of Madrid of a crematorium for the incineration of corpses?
2. Does the Commission consider that this planned construction could be in breach of the directives on industrial emissions, air quality and environmental impact assessments?

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¹ <https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/emep-eea-guidebook-2019/part-b-sectoral-guidance-chapters/5-waste/5-c-1-b-v/view>