

**Question for written answer E-002077/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Competition in the waste incineration plant sector and the conduct of the Municipality of Rome in the management of the municipal energy and environment company (ACEA)

Article 13 of Decree-Law No 50 of 17/05/2022 entrusts responsibility for waste in the territory of Rome Capital to the Commissioner for the 2025 Jubilee, while preserving European competition rules. The Rome waste management plan assigns the use of the incinerator to the municipal energy and environment company (ACEA).

The concession requires 600 000 tonnes of waste to be incinerated every year for 33 years. The figure of 600 000 tonnes, out of a total of 1 500 000 tonnes of waste per year, flouts the European target of growth in separate waste collection (in Rome, the figure remained at 45% between 2015 and 2024) until 2060. It will cost taxpayers in excess of EUR 7 400 000 000. The 33-year contract obliges Rome to incinerate 600 000 tonnes per year until 2060, thus infringing EU law, the provisions of the COP 21 Paris Agreement on climate change and the UN Summit of the Future 2024.

Given the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What steps will it take to protect technological neutrality and competition in the waste sector, preventing exclusivity that undermines improvements to recycling?
2. What action will it take to prevent the deployment of a facility with contractual commitments that breach the 2050 zero-emissions target?

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