

**Question for written answer E-002830/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Ceršak landfill on Mura River

The situation at the Ceršak landfill, mislabelled as a composting site, threatens drinking water and the cross-border Mura-Drava-Danube biosphere reserve as it holds more than 100 000 tonnes of waste.

The landfill, located on an island on the Mura River, is an environmental time bomb that activates whenever the river reaches high levels, washing waste into its stream. This is a typical example of failed inspection processes, legal loopholes and elements of environmental crime in Slovenia. However, it is a cross-border environmental issue as it directly impacts the Mura River basin both in Slovenia and in Austria.

Despite multiple warnings from local initiatives and environmental organisations, appropriate measures have not been taken thus far.

1. What can the Commission do to ensure the proper implementation of EU environmental standards in the Mura River basin?
2. Will the Commission make sure that Kogal, the company that runs the Ceršak landfill, fixes the damage it has caused to nature by cleaning up the degraded area?

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