

**Question for written answer E-002459/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Toxic cloud in Kefalonia - Public health risk and need for immediate European support

A few days ago, a fire broke out at an illegal landfill in the Langada area of Kefalonia, causing the release of a toxic cloud which has affected the island's capital (Argostoli), Lixouri and the surrounding areas. The event is causing serious concerns regarding the health of residents and the impact on the local environment.

In addition to the dangerous nature of the phenomenon, there are complaints regarding the competent authorities' inability to prevent it and their delayed response, as well earlier warnings that were allegedly ignored.

This is a serious incident of environmental degradation with potential cross-border impacts (due to the atmospheric transport of pollutants) and serious risks to public health.

Accordingly:

1. Has the Commission received official information from the Greek authorities regarding the fire in Langada, Kefalonia, and its environmental impact?
2. Does the Commission intend to mobilise EU technical assistance and/or take scientific steps to measure pollution and assess the risks to the health of residents?

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