

Question for written answer E-002567/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Progress towards the objectives of the 8th EAP

According to the European Environment Agency's most recent report on the 8th Environment Action Programme (EAP), the EU is not on track to reach the objective of significantly reducing its consumption footprint, which is instead projected to increase further. This goes against the objectives of the 8th EAP and that of the circular economy action plan to keep resource consumption within planetary boundaries and to reduce the EU's consumption footprint.

In its own initiative report on the circular economy in 2021, Parliament called on the Commission to propose binding EU targets for 2030 to significantly reduce the EU's material and consumption footprints and bring them within planetary boundaries by 2050, using indicators to be adopted by end of 2021 as part of the updated monitoring framework. In June 2024, the Council invited the Commission to assess how a governance framework to support sustainable resource management would work, and to assess the establishment of an EU long-term objective for sustainable resource use.

1. What has the Commission done to reduce the consumption footprint under the 8th EAP and what are the main reasons for not achieving the objective?
2. What action has the Commission taken to establish a governance framework to support sustainable resource management, and will this be incorporated in the future circular economy act or elsewhere?

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