

**Question for written answer E-002604/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Radioactive waste

In recent days we have learned that an expedition led by the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) will analyse the condition of the thousands of barrels of radioactive waste dumped in the Atlantic trench and their potential impact on the environment.

1. Does the Commission not believe that this type of expedition should be led by the Commission itself, given the location of the waste and the cross-border nature of their potential impact?
2. Over the past few years, it has repeatedly refused to investigate directly the situation in the trench, despite acknowledging as far back as 2017 that it was not aware of the condition of the waste. Will it participate in the French expedition or follow up on its findings?
3. Under Article 35 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, Member States must carry out continuous monitoring of the level of radioactivity in the air, water and soil. Will the Commission thus include monitoring of marine radioactivity off the coast of Galicia in its Article 35 verifications programme?

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