

**Question for written answer E-003386/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Compatibility of the postponed closure of Brindisi's coal-fired power station with European Green Deal objectives

In July 2025, the Italian Government approved, with parliamentary majority support, to postpone to 2038 the decommissioning of Brindisi's 'Federico II' coal-fired thermal power station, which is located in one of southern Italy's most environmentally vulnerable industrial areas.

This decision goes against the climate neutrality objectives enshrined in the European Green Deal and puts at risk local decarbonisation pathways that are already under way through reindustrialisation plans, investments in renewables and projects supported by EU funds.

The power station, which is among those with the highest CO₂ emissions in Europe, contributes significantly to air pollution and worsening health conditions for residents.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider postponing the closure of the Brindisi plant to 2038 to be compatible with the objectives and obligations of the European Green Deal and the Fit for 55 % package?
2. Will it assess whether Italy has breached its commitments on the energy transition and decarbonisation, including in relation to the EU funding received?
3. What measures will it put in place to ensure that areas that are critical in terms of industry and the environment, such as Brindisi, are not excluded from the trajectory towards climate neutrality?

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