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to the Commission

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Subject: Vertical expansion of the Manduriambiente landfill (Apulia) and breaches of EU waste directives

Italy is subject to infringement procedure INFR(2024)2142 for failing to meet the waste collection and recycling targets set in Directive 2008/98/EC, as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851.

The Apulia Region authorised the vertical expansion of the Manduriambiente landfill (Manduria, Province of Taranto), despite adverse opinions from ARPA Puglia and ASL Taranto, which both stated that the project did not meet the technical requirements set in Legislative Decree 121/2020 (implementation of Directive (EU) 2018/850), as it would exceed contamination limits in groundwater, and had shortcomings concerning odour emissions, in breach of Directive 2010/75/EU and of the precautionary principle.

Directive (EU) 2018/850 requires that landfill disposal be progressively reduced.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission check whether the regional permit conforms with EU legislation?
2. Given the absence of sanctions for non-compliant municipalities, how will it enforce Directive (EU) 2018/851?
3. Italy's landfill expansion strategy is at odds with EU objectives. Will the Commission take action against that country for that reason?

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