

**Question for written answer E-003808/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Italian Court of Auditors findings on waste management in Sicily

The Italian Court of Auditors, Regional Audit Chamber for the Region of Sicily, has highlighted in its ruling No 214/2025¹ serious problems in the management of the waste cycle.

The ruling reports on delays in approving the regional plan, insufficient treatment and recycling systems, excessive use of landfills, and significant disparities in separate collection from one area to another.

In addition, the *Piano regionale di gestione dei rifiuti urbani* ('Regional Urban Waste Management Plan') provides for the construction of two new waste-to-energy plants, also financed by EU funds. The court points to risks of oversized solutions and inconsistency with the EU waste hierarchy and the 'do no significant harm' principle laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

These elements raise doubts about compliance with European Directives 2008/98/EC, (EU) 2018/851 and (EU) 2018/850, which prioritise prevention, reuse and recycling over disposal and incineration.

In the light of the above:

1. Can the Commission provide an update about the implementation of EU funds for the waste sector in Sicily and clarify whether the measures being funded, including waste-to-energy plants, comply with EU criteria and objectives?
2. What corrective measures does the Commission deem necessary to ensure that waste management in Sicily complies with EU directives and principles?
3. What supervisory tools or forms of technical support will the Commission use to ensure that the Region of Sicily complies with EU directives?

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¹ <https://www.corteconti.it/Download?id=655be684-2c85-4da2-9deb-ca77cb7915c6>.