

Question for written answer E-003834/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: National funds complementing NRRPs and the DNSH principle

Pursuant to Law No 11/2024¹, the Sicily Region received EUR 800 million from Italy's National Plan for Complementary Investments to the NRRP for the construction of two incinerators, which are being built as a cost-saving measure.

Evidence proving that the EUR 800 million will indeed fund this project can be found in its official tender documents, which are held by the Sicily Region.

In the light of the above, could the Commission clarify the following:

1. Is the DNSH principle – which aims to guarantee compliance with EU policies and programmes and ensure that they achieve their stated aims – also applicable to the allocation of national complementary funds?
2. Does the Commission not agree that not enforcing compliance with DNSH criteria in cases such as the above would run counter to the DNSH principle's very purpose, which is to avoid capital contributions being used to fund the construction of infrastructure that would jeopardise circular economy policies and the fight against climate change?
3. If, on the other hand, we are right to think that the DNSH principle should logically apply to national complementary funds, how will the Commission go about preventing the latter from financing the Sicily Region's incinerator project which, contrary to DNSH criteria, gives preference to economic considerations over recycling, composting and other alternatives that comply with circularity criteria?

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¹ <https://www.normattiva.it/uri-res/N2Ls?urn:nir:stato:decreto.legge:2023-12-09;181> (Article 14c).