

**Question for written answer E-004186/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Radioactive waste under EU ocean policy

In relation to our question E-002601/2025¹, and irrespective of the competences that the Euratom Treaty grants to the Commission, it is clear that the Commission does have competences in ocean management, as shown in the recent Ocean Pact and Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) which the EU is party to.

The Pact's priorities include advancing ocean research and knowledge, enhancing maritime security and defence and strengthening ocean diplomacy. In addition, it announces an 'ambitious EU ocean observation initiative' – which also covers the deep sea. Among other things, this initiative will include observation and mapping campaigns for knowledge gaps.

Given the fact that drums containing radioactive waste are causing concern among populations in Atlantic coastal regions:

1. Is the Commission considering including the areas in which there are drums in the ocean observation initiative?
2. In the new context created with the Pact and the Agreement, is the Commission considering launching an initiative, in collaboration with Member States that are responsible for or affected by the dumping of drums, to monitor these and also to study possible measures to neutralise the risks of spillages?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002601_EN.html