

**Question for written answer E-004495/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Enlargement of the Pinto landfill site and possible non-compliance with EU environmental legislation

The Community of Madrid has been paving the way for expansion of the Pinto landfill site by removing protection from 80 hectares of the Southeast Regional Park, which is protected by autonomous community legislation and part of which is in the Natura 2000 network.

According to Copernicus and the UN, the Pinto and Valdemingómez landfills sites are among the biggest methane emitters in Europe.

The Community of Madrid's own 2024 environmental health report points out that life expectancy in the north of the region is two years longer than in the south, while respiratory and cardiovascular diseases are 25 % more common and cancer-related illnesses 8 % more prevalent in the south, particularly in Pinto, San Martín de la Vega and Parla.

1. Does the Commission believe that the expansion meets the requirements in Directive 1999/31/EC with regard to distance from residential and recreational areas, urban centres, groundwater, nature protection zones and methane emissions?
2. Will the Commission look into whether this operation could contravene Directive 2024/2881 on air quality and other EU health protection rules?
3. What consequences could the Community of Madrid's potential breach of EU environmental legislation entail?

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