

Question for written answer E-004623/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Malta's projected emissions increase from incinerators in Magħtab and EU Emissions Trading System allowances

The Climate Action Progress Report 2025 shows that Malta is the only EU Member State projected to emit more greenhouse gases in 2030 than in 2005, with levels expected to rise by around 30 %.

At the same time, the Government of Malta intends to commission two incinerators in Magħtab with the capacity to incinerate up to 192 000 tonnes of municipal waste annually for the first, and a capacity of 14 000 tonnes of waste per year for the second, a hazardous waste incinerator.

1. Given that these incinerators are expected to exceed the 20 MW threshold, does the Commission expect the emissions from these incinerators to be included in the EU Emissions Trading System's (EU ETS) reporting and monitoring obligations?
2. Given the EU's commitment to the polluter pays principle, does the Commission envisage that the emissions from such incinerators will have to be paid in EU ETS allowances in the coming years?
3. Is the Commission concerned that these incinerators will make it even harder for Malta to meet its climate goals in the future?

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