

Question for written answer E-005073/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Illegal, opaque waste transfer from Corfu to the Vlacherna landfill. Circumventing local government, government involvement, environmental degradation.

The four Municipalities of the Arta Regional Unit (Arta, Nikolaos Skoufas, Georgios Karaiskakis, Central Tzoumerka) have appealed to the Prosecutor's Office requesting an investigation into the transfer of waste from Corfu to the Vlacherna landfill, which is licensed to accept only treated residue. Despite the pending prosecutorial process and the explicit orders of the Municipalities not to take any action, the transfer began 'in secret', without institutional information, and the Municipality of Arta was forced to close access to the Vlacherna landfill temporarily.

According to official announcements, the order for the transfer was allegedly initiated by a document from the Secretary General of Waste Management in the Ministry of Environment, while the Epirus Mandatory Solid Waste Management Association proceeded to accept loads without a meeting, without informing the municipalities and without transparency, bypassing local bodies and the law. There are also allegations that the loads consisted of mixed and untreated waste, which is contrary to Directive 2008/98/EC and the environmental conditions of the landfill.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission monitoring the involvement of state authorities in the alleged circumvention of institutional procedures and assessing a possible violation of EU legislation?
2. Is the burial of mixed, untreated waste in landfills compatible with Directive 2008/98/EC?
3. Does the Commission intend to request immediate information and/or suspension of the transfer from the Greek authorities until legality, transparency and environmental protection are ensured?

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