

Question for written answer E-003336/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Shortcomings in the implementation of Directive 2011/70/Euratom on the management of radioactive waste

Commission reports on the implementation of Directive 2011/70/Euratom¹ indicate that most Member States lack the necessary financial resources – and often even reliable cost estimates – for the final disposal of high-level radioactive waste. In its 2019 report, the Commission stated: ‘Almost two thirds of Member States provided information on cost estimates for their national programmes, but these estimates vary significantly in terms of methodology, assumptions, data completeness, scope, and timeframes.’ (SWD(2019)0436, p. 53).

1. In the next evaluation report, does the Commission intend to publish comparable and verifiable data on estimated costs and the actual funding status in individual Member States?
2. Will the Commission support the requirement for Member States to set the nuclear levy per megawatt-hour (MWh) based on a transparent methodology that is regularly reviewed in the light of changes in estimated costs?

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¹ Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom of 19 July 2011 establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste (OJ L 199, 2.8.2011, p. 48, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2011/70/oj>).