

**Question for written answer E-003524/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Gerald Hauser (PfE)

Subject: EU Commission confirms wind turbines are harmful for health and the environment

In its response to written question 002323/2026¹ from Gerald Hauser MEP, the EU Commission confirms that microplastics are harmful for both the environment and health. Whilst it claims that ‘plastic emissions from wind turbines are much lower than from other sources’, it does not refute the studies cited by Gerald Hauser MEP, according to which one wind turbine can shed up to 62 kg of microplastics annually.

Furthermore, the European Commission states that ‘assessment of the environmental impacts of offshore wind [has] also [been] addressed under Horizon Europe’. The EU project HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03, cited by the European Commission, focuses, amongst other things, on the long-term health effects of certain environmental and exposure factors. The European Commission thus confirms, in an official document, a link between wind turbines and adverse health effects. Other EU projects also focus on further research into the massive impact of micro- and nanoplastics on human health, as well as environmental damage caused by offshore wind farms.

1. Why has the Commission thus far studied only microplastic emissions from offshore wind farms, but not from onshore wind farms?
2. Why has the Commission so far failed to inform the public that wind turbines are causing massive microplastic pollution?
3. Why has the Commission so far failed to inform the public that wind turbines can have significant adverse impact on health?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-002323-ASW_EN.html.