

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003457/25
to the Commission**

Ignazio Roberto Marino (Verts/ALE), Benedetta Scuderi (Verts/ALE), Cristina Guarda (Verts/ALE), Leoluca Orlando (Verts/ALE)

(5 September 2025)

Subject: Vertical expansion of the Manduriambiente landfill (Apulia) and breaches of EU waste directives

Italy is subject to infringement procedure INFR(2024)2142 for failing to meet the waste collection and recycling targets set in Directive 2008/98/EC, as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851.

The Apulia Region authorised the vertical expansion of the Manduriambiente landfill (Manduria, Province of Taranto), despite adverse opinions from ARPA Puglia and ASL Taranto, which both stated that the project did not meet the technical requirements set in Legislative Decree 121/2020 (implementation of Directive (EU) 2018/850), as it would exceed contamination limits in groundwater, and had shortcomings concerning odour emissions, in breach of Directive 2010/75/EU and of the precautionary principle.

Directive (EU) 2018/850 requires that landfill disposal be progressively reduced.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission check whether the regional permit conforms with EU legislation?
2. Given the absence of sanctions for non-compliant municipalities, how will it enforce Directive (EU) 2018/851?
3. Italy's landfill expansion strategy is at odds with EU objectives. Will the Commission take action against that country for that reason?

Submitted: 5.9.2025

Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission

(11 November 2025)

1. Without prejudice to the Commission's role as guardian of the Treaties, Member States are primarily responsible to ensure compliance with EU law, especially for individual cases like the one in question. In line with its strategic approach on enforcement action, the Commission focuses on systemic non-compliance ⁽¹⁾.
2. In July 2024, the Commission opened two infringement procedures against Italy ⁽²⁾. Under infringement procedure INFR(2024)2142, the Commission is pursuing Italy for the failure, *inter alia*, of the national target for preparing for reuse and recycling of municipal waste set in the Waste Framework Directive ⁽³⁾. Under INFR(2024)2097, the Commission is pursuing Italy for failing to correctly transpose the Waste Framework Directive. The Commission has found that Italy has not correctly transposed a number of provisions of the amended Directive. The Commission is currently assessing the replies of the Italian authorities to the letters of formal notice.
3. The Landfill Directive ⁽⁴⁾ aims to ensure a progressive reduction of landfilling of waste, in particular of waste that is suitable for recycling or other recovery and sets a target for Member States to reduce the amount of municipal waste landfilled to 10% or less by 2035 ⁽⁵⁾. The Commission is closely monitoring Member States' achievement of this target and publishes an evaluation of the situation in Early warning reports ⁽⁶⁾. According to the latest report, Italy is on track to meet this target ⁽⁷⁾.

⁽¹⁾ As set out in the communication of 19 January 2017: EU law: Better results through better application — C/2016/8600, OJ C 18, 19.1.2017, p. 10-20 and in the communication of 13 October 2022: COM(2022) 518 final — Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers.

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_3228.

⁽³⁾ Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives, as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851, OJ L 312 22.11.2008, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste, as amended, OJ L 182, 16.7.1999, pp. 1-19.

⁽⁵⁾ Article 5(5) of Directive 1999/31/EC.

⁽⁶⁾ Article 5(b) of Directive 1999/31/EC.

⁽⁷⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2023%3A304%3AFIN&qid=1686220362244>.