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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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Sicily's programme 2021-2027 allocates EUR 147 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)¹ to waste management, including to build new or modernise existing recycling plants but excluding incineration and landfill facilities. According to the Managing Authority no projects have been selected under the programme. The Italian Recovery and Resilience programme excludes activities related to landfills, incinerators² and mechanical biological treatment plants³.

Sicily's updated ordinary waste management plan (WMP) was notified in February 2025, and the special WMP was notified in October 2025. The Commission is in dialogue with the region of Sicily to finalise the plans and ensure they fulfil the ERDF enabling condition '2.6. Updated planning for waste management'. The Commission will not reimburse any expenditure related to this objective until the enabling condition is met⁴. Member States can apply for technical support to design and implement reforms⁵.

EU waste legislation aims to reduce incineration and landfilling⁶ at Union level. Member States must fulfil the EU legal requirements, including to establish an integrated and adequate network of waste disposal or recovery installations, as referred to by the principles of self-sufficiency and proximity⁷. The waste Early Warning Report⁸ evaluates Member States' risk of not attaining the 2025 municipal waste and packaging targets. Italy was not considered at risk of not reaching these targets. More details about the situation in the Italy are available in

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/european-regional-development-fund-erdf_en.

² This exclusion may not apply to actions in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions do not result in an increase of the plants' waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants.

³ This exclusion may not apply to actions in existing mechanical biological treatment plants, where the actions are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency or retrofitting to recycling operations of separated waste to compost bio-waste and anaerobic digestion of bio-waste, provided such actions do not result in an increase of the plants' waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

⁵ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/technical-support-instrument/technical-support-instrument-tsi_en.

⁶ Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste, OJ L 182, 16.7.1999, p. 1–19, amended by Directive (EU) 2018/850 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018, OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 100–108.

⁷ Article 16 of the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives, OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3–30, as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May, OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 109–140.

⁸ Waste Early Warning Report EUR-Lex - 52023DC0304 - EN - EUR-Lex, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023DC0304>.

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⁹ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/6469c90b-0352-11ec-87ec-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.