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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of cross-border odour emissions from the industrial facility Livarna Gorica d.o.o and understands that exchanges have been initiated between Italian and Slovenian local authorities. The Commission therefore does not intend to intervene at this stage. In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission monitors the application of EU law and may decide to take appropriate action, in line with its enforcement priorities¹.

On 6 December 2024, Commission implementing decision on Best Available Techniques conclusions for the smitheries and foundries industry² was published and permits of existing installations must be updated within four years to comply with these norms, including on odour. In addition, Article 26 of the Industrial Emissions Directive³ requires cooperation between neighbouring Member States to limit the consequences for the environment and human health of installations' operations. This includes consultation of the other Member State during the permitting procedure.

Under the Air Quality Directive⁴, where exceedances of air quality limit or target values are significantly affected by pollution transported from another Member State, Member States should notify the Commission and cooperate with concerned Member States to address the exceedances. Based on the latest available data reported to the Commission – for 2024 – there have been no exceedances of air quality standards in Gorizia nor Nova Gorica for particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide or benzo(a)pyrene.

¹ Communication from the Commission - EU law: Better results through better application, OJ C 18, 19.1.2017, p. 10–20, and Communication from the Commission - Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers, 13.10.2022, COM(2022) 518 final.

² Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2974 establishing the best available techniques (BAT) conclusions under the Industrial Emissions Directive for the smitheries and foundries industry: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02024D2974-20241206>.

³ Directive (EU) 2024/1785 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 April 2024 amending Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) and Council Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, OJ L, 2024/1785, 15.7.2024.

⁴ Article 21 of Directive (EU) 2024/2881 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (recast), OJ L, 2024/2881, 20.11.2024.