

**Question for written answer E-001674/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Cross-border air pollution between Member States

On 22 February 2018, the European Court of Justice found that Poland has, in many of its towns, failed to comply with both the daily and the annual thresholds for particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>), as the data collected between 2007 and 2015 have shown, and that it failed to correctly transpose the second paragraph of Article 23(1) of Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe and failed to fulfil its obligations under, respectively, Article 13(1), in conjunction with Annex XI, the second subparagraph of Article 23(1), and Article 22(3) of, in conjunction with Annex XI to the directive.

According to research by the Ostrava Public Health Institute, Polish local heating can account for as much as 47% of PM<sub>10</sub> emissions levels on the Czech side of the Czech-Polish border.

Is the Commission planning to take real action to solve the issue of cross-border air pollution between Member States?

What steps is it planning to take to help Member States better comply with pollution thresholds?