

Adopted resolution

Dangerous waste traffic: who is behind the "mafia"?

The revelations of a « repentant », former member of the N'dranghetta led to the discovery of the wreck of the *Cunsky*, a ship sank in 1992 near the Calabrian coast, with its cargo of radioactive barrels. This confirms the information that Greenpeace and Legambiente have been publicising for years. According to those two NGOs, more than 30 ships together with their highly toxic chemical and radioactive cargoes were blown up and sank in this area in the years 1980-1990.

The European Green Party asks the following questions:

Where exactly does this type of waste comes from?

How was it possible, and with whose help, for these ships and their cargoes to be put in the hands of a firm of the mafia to be « eliminated »?

What are and will be the health and environmental consequences for the environment, the food chain and the civilian population living nearby?

This scandal once more reveals the total lack of transparency and lack of guarantees on how nuclear and chemical wastes are treated.

The European Greens therefore ask the European Union to set up a transnational commission of inquiry in order to give an answer to these questions and ensure that the waste is brought back to the surface and treated and the areas decontaminated.

The Mediterranean sea is our common good. The Calabria Region does not have the capacity to retrieve and treat this waste; European help and supervision is needed.

Furthermore, the other aspects of this traffic must be put to light; not only the traffic toward Somalia and Mozambique but also the death in Somalia in 1994 of Ilaria Alpi and Miran Hrovatin, two journalists who had revealed the scandal of the ships sank near the Italian coastline.