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Ms Maija Krastiņa
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LETTONIE

Subject: Petition No. 0279/2025

Dear Ms Krastiņa,

I would like to inform you that the Committee on Petitions has examined your petition and has declared it admissible, since the matter you raise falls within the European Union's fields of activity.

Given the subject matter, I have referred your petition to the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety and Committee on Public Health, for them to take into account in the course of their activity.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that noise created by neighbours is explicitly excluded from the scope of the Environmental Noise Directive, which addresses noise generated from transport, as stated in Article 2(2) thereof. The European Commission considers that, under the subsidiarity principle, the local and national authorities are responsible for noises generated by neighbours and neighbouring activities and it is for them to define appropriate rules for the management of the noise coming from neighbours, if necessary and appropriate by means of local or national legislation.

You may be interested to read the parliamentary question - E-000300/2025 on 'Addressing noise pollution in low-emission zones: challenges and solutions' and the Commission's reply:
https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000300_EN.html;
https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000300-ASW_EN.html.

Finally, I refer you to the conclusion of the European Commission's implementation report on the Environmental Noise Directive published on 20 March 2023:
https://environment.ec.europa.eu/publications/noise-directive-implementation-report_en.

Please note that consideration of your petition by the European Parliament has been concluded and the file has therefore been closed.

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Yours sincerely,



Bogdan Rzońca
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