

## Motions

<b>Motion number</b>	9
<b>Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA</b>	Marco di Bari
<b>Member party</b>	Comitato Libertà Toscana
<b>Title [of the Motion]</b>	Serious pollution situation in Tuscany
<p>Whereas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for more than 7 years in Tuscany, sludge from the leather processing of the tanneries in Santa Croce sull'Arno (Pisa) has been illegally disposed of;</li> <li>- It is dangerous sludge because it contains heavy metals such as hexavalent chromium, one of the six most dangerous substances in the world, highly carcinogenic. The sludge was disposed of without having been treated according to the law and in quantities up to 26 times higher than allowed. In addition to the serious pollution of land, groundwater is at risk of serious contamination;</li> <li>- these substances have been used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) as fertilisers in 8 municipalities in Tuscany, for a total of 24 tons and 150 hectares cultivated with corn and sunflowers. The investigation was called "Blue corn" for the chromium that surfaced on the cobs and gave them grey-blue coloration. The location of the affected land is not known</li> <li>2) as a construction material, referred to as "KEU". In about 8 years 67,800 tons of Keu have been disposed of outside the law. To date, 13 contaminated sites have been identified, public and private, for a total of about 20,000 tons. Only one of these sites has been remediated, and for the other 11 we do not know at what point remediation is. We do not know where the remaining tons are.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- due to this "facilitated disposal", Tuscany in recent years has been a disposal point for tanning activities in other parts of Italy.</li> <li>- there are suspicions of Mafia infiltration for the disposal and that this has been facilitated by the management of local authorities.</li> <li>- the municipal administrations involved and the Region of Tuscany do not provide precise explanations or plans for the reclamation of the land.</li> </ul> <p>The European Free Alliance asks:</p> <p>That the citizens who live in the affected territories be informed where the contaminated lands for "Blue corn" and "Keu" are located in Tuscany.</p>	

That the whereabouts of the 48,000 tons of Keu, of which nothing is known, be identified.

That more restrictive laws be enacted to prevent Mafia infiltration in the disposal of waste in Tuscany and in every aspect concerning ecology, environment and health.

That the Italian government ask the Region of Tuscany for a detailed program of purification, with characterization plans (specifics of the pollution, with geological characteristics of the places), types of intervention and timetables.

That the following European Directives be applied:

Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 19, 2008 on the protection of the environment through criminal law.

Directive 2004/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage.

Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 on Community action in the field of water policy.