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Subject: Socio-economic consequences of the new 'EU ETS 2' emissions-trading system

On 22 January 2025, Donald Tusk, the Polish Prime Minister, presented his government's priorities to MEPs in Strasbourg. He expressed concern at the introduction of a new carbon-trading system, EU ETS 2, which will apply to emissions from road transport and heating. In his words: '[h]igh energy prices might bring the downfall of many democratic governments' in the EU.

Several Member States, including France, have already criticised the viability of this measure, risking as it does driving up energy bills of businesses and households in this difficult socio-economic climate, when the Green Deal is being criticised from all sides owing to its detrimental effects on growth and prosperity and the lack of true safeguards.

In response to Mr Tusk's comments, can the Commission therefore say:

1. whether it is considering, under the aegis of the Polish Presidency, reviewing or even repealing the regulation on this new emissions-trading system?

2. whether it has conducted a detailed impact assessment of its socio-economic consequences and the expected effects of its 'Social Climate Fund', which is intended to compensate for the increases in future bills?

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