

Question for written answer E-001180/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Energy taxation rules

The Republic of Cyprus, in line with the EU's energy taxation rules, is expected to impose or expand various environmental taxes on water, fuel and waste management, to meet climate-related targets by encouraging consumers to switch to environmentally friendly alternatives.

These taxes will drive up costs for households, especially for utilities and transportation, thereby contributing to inflation, the worsening of the energy crisis and further economic uncertainty. These consequences will disproportionately affect lower-income citizens and households, contrary to the EU principle of a socially balanced, just transition.

The lack of viable alternatives available to consumers in Cyprus, such as greater renewable energy capacity, modernised waste management and better public transport, will place undue stress on the public.

In the light of the above:

1. Can the Commission provide detailed clarification on whether a deferral of or exemption to the proposed taxes can be granted, under existing or proposed directives?
2. What tools, financial instruments or mechanisms are available to support Cyprus in closing its infrastructure gaps and mitigating the transition costs for households, particularly vulnerable ones?

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