

Question for written answer E-001375/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: ‘Flexibilities’ in the 2040 climate target

A recent article by a European media outlet¹ reports that the European Commission is considering various options to soften the EU’s 2040 climate target for emission reduction through ‘flexibilities’ that would neutralise opposition to the EU’s climate policies. These ‘flexibilities’ include a proposed ‘nonlinear’ path towards 2040, the use of international carbon credits, greater reliance on negative emissions and increased flexibility in sector-specific targets.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission still committed to the roadmap and the target of reducing emissions by 90 % by 2040?
2. How would the Commission ensure that carbon prices remain stable in the EU in the face of a potential mass influx of international credits?
3. How will the Commission ensure that these ‘flexibilities’ in reaching the 2040 objective do not compromise the final target of a 90 % reduction?

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¹ <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-exploring-weaker-2040-climate-goal-90-greenhouse-gas-cut-wopke-hoekstra/>.