

**Question for written answer E-002189/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: NRRP and the reform of subsidies in the energy sector and the protection of vulnerable consumers

In adopting Government Emergency Order No 6/2025, the Romanian Government has extended the legal framework for capping the prices paid by end customers for electricity (up until 30 June 2025) and natural gas (until 31 March 2026).

Given that the measures to cap energy prices for vulnerable consumers in Romania were justified by an energy crisis, but their extension without a phase-out strategy could affect the implementation of the NRRP and may lead to delays in payments or the suspension of payments for Romania, how does the Commission view:

1. Romania's current progress in fulfilling the NRRP milestones as regards the reform of subsidies in the energy sector and the protection of vulnerable consumers?
2. The extent to which the institutional capacity of Romania's energy regulator (ANRE) has been strengthened so as to ensure a competitive and stable market aligned with EU requirements?
3. The degree of absorption of the other EU financial instruments to which Romania has access for investments in energy efficiency, and what recommendations does the Commission have for improving their uptake?

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