

**Question for written answer E-002514/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Energy-intensive industries

The draft resolution on energy-intensive industries (2025/2536 (RSO)) raises questions about dependence on third countries, energy prices, the EU supply chain law and new sustainability guidelines. Reducing dependence on Russia was declared a strategic goal, but new dependencies on third countries such as China and the USA have developed instead. Energy prices in the EU are extraordinarily high by global standards. This has led to companies either cutting back on production or relocating to third countries. The EU supply chain law and new sustainability guidelines represent a massive hurdle for companies.

1. How does the Commission intend to prevent energy-intensive industries from becoming even more dependent on China and the USA if locations in the EU become unattractive due to the high costs?
2. What specific measures does the Commission plan to take to immediately and sustainably relieve energy-intensive industries of the enormous burden of energy costs?
3. Why do EU companies have to comply with ever more reporting obligations, while competitors from outside the EU are exempt from these rules?

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