

Question for written answer E-002526/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Who will benefit from ETS2 and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive?

The Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and the ETS2 emissions trading system are raising serious concerns on account of their significant negative impact on ordinary EU citizens. The problems include both the mandatory building renovations required by the Directive and the increase in energy and fuel prices that ETS2 will bring. Both of these regulations will significantly increase the cost of living, leaving low-income households and small businesses hardest hit. These measures are not necessary, but rather a kind of ‘stunt’ from the desk of Brussels bureaucrats. Their positive impact is questionable, as these measures are only being imposed on EU Member States which have a negligible impact on a global scale. This is one of the reasons why there are growing calls from both ordinary citizens and businesses for both regulations to be repealed.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. Does the Commission plan to listen to the voices of EU citizens and review or, better still, repeal the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in order not to artificially increase the financial burden on citizens?
2. How does the Commission plan to respond to calls for the abolition of ETS2, given its impact on energy prices and the cost of living?
3. How does the Commission feel about the fact that these and other similar measures are being imposed only on EU Member States, meaning that their effectiveness is minimal on a global scale?

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