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to the Commission

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Subject: Assessing the costs and benefits of the European Green Deal on global average temperatures

The EU aims to become climate-neutral by 2050, a goal reaffirmed in numerous Commission strategies and legislative packages. A 2021 study estimates that achieving this target will require investments of up to EUR 28 trillion¹. This corresponds to nearly EUR 1 trillion per year – a sum that imposes significant burdens on households and businesses.

Given that the EU's contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions is approximately 6 %², this raises the question of what impact such investments will have on global temperatures.

In the light of the above:

1. To what extent does the Commission estimate that global average temperatures will be reduced by 2050 if the EU allocates the investments as required under the European Green Deal?
2. How does the Commission calculate the impact of EU policies on global average temperatures by 2050?
3. Has the Commission evaluated the extent to which projected emission increases by major economies outside the EU could offset or undermine the temperature reductions achieved through the European green deal?

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¹ 'Europe's path to climate-neutral by 2050 costs roughly EUR 28 trillion', Consultancy.eu website, 24 August 2021, <https://www.consultancy.eu/news/6663/europes-path-to-climate-neutral-by-2050-costs-roughly-28-trillion>.

² European Parliament 'Climate change in Europe: facts and figures', European Parliament website, 19 July 2018, <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/topics/en/article/20180703STO07123/climate-change-in-europe-facts-and-figures>.