

**Question for written answer E-004154/2025**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: ETS 2 – Impact on energy prices and households

The planned launch of the new EU emissions trading system (ETS2) covering transport and buildings from 2027, raises serious concerns regarding both its social and economic impact. While the mechanism aims to support the EU's climate objectives, there is a risk that in lower-income Member States, such as Poland, it will lead to significant increases in energy, fuel, and heating costs<sup>1</sup>. Given the limited low-emission infrastructure and insufficient protective measures, the consequences may be particularly severe for households and small businesses alike.

In this context:

1. Has the Commission conducted an analysis of the impact of ETS 2 on energy and fuel prices in lower-income Member States, in particular in Poland?
2. How does the Commission plan to protect households from rising living costs resulting from EU climate policies?
3. In view of growing concerns about ETS 2's social and economic effects, does the Commission consider replacing this mechanism with alternative instruments supporting emissions reduction, such as investments in energy modernisation, low-emission transport, or technological innovation, instead of imposing additional costs on citizens and businesses?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/carbon-markets/ets2-buildings-road-transport-and-additional-sectors\\_en](https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/carbon-markets/ets2-buildings-road-transport-and-additional-sectors_en).