

Question for written answer E-004580/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: German plan for preferential electricity pricing for industry and its compliance with state aid rules

Germany has announced it will bring in, on 1 January 2026, a reduced electricity tariff for industry, financed by the federal budget to the tune of around EUR 5 billion over three years, according to estimates reported in the European business press.

Germany, whose leaders are never slow to remind other Member States of the need for fiscal discipline and fair treatment, thus appears to be affording itself considerable leeway to support its domestic industry.

While other countries are forced to comply with internal market rules and the sometimes untenable requirements of the energy transition, this purely national approach raises serious questions about the fairness and consistency of European policies.

1. What view will the Commission take of this initiative in respect of EU state aid rules?
2. How does it assess its compatibility with the Union's climate objectives?
3. If this approach were to be endorsed, can it confirm that France could, by analogy, introduce a national electricity tariff based on its actual production costs, without this measure being counted as state aid under EU law?

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