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to the Commission
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Subject: Commission assessment of German electricity price subsidies

Germany has recently announced and implemented measures to subsidise electricity prices for energy-intensive industries, with the stated aim of preserving industrial competitiveness amid high energy costs. These measures build on the exceptional flexibility granted to Member States under recent State aid frameworks and are presented as temporary relief for industry.

However, such national schemes risk fragmenting the single market, distorting competition between companies based in different Member States, and reinforcing advantages for countries with greater fiscal resources, to the detriment of businesses elsewhere in the Union.

In this context:

1. How does the Commission assess the compatibility of the current and planned German electricity price subsidy schemes with EU State aid rules, in particular Article 107(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the principles of necessity, proportionality and minimisation of distortions of competition?
2. How will the Commission react if its assessment were to show that the German measures unduly distort competition or have a disproportionately negative effect on energy prices in neighbouring countries?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose horizontal EU-level instruments or common financing solutions to avoid a subsidy race between Member States with differing budgetary capacities in the field of energy price support for industry?

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