

**Question for written answer E-004797/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Planned introduction of the industrial energy tariff in Germany and its impact on the EU single market

The Federal Republic of Germany has announced its intention to provide significant relief to energy-intensive industries, starting from January 2026, through the industrial energy tariff, under which the state will assume some of the transmission network charges.

This step is intended to reduce electricity prices by up to 50 % compared to current levels and is to remain in place until at least 2029. This measure has caused considerable concern among the business sector in other Member States, including the Czech Republic.

Many companies warn that such selective and preferential treatment of German companies will lead to a distortion of fair competition, with energy-intensive industries in other countries unable to compete with cheaper production in Germany.

In this context:

1. Does the Commission consider the planned measure to be compatible with the principles of the single market and equal conditions of competition?
2. What specific steps will it take to ensure that this measure does not lead to market distortions and the weakening of other Member States' industrial bases?
3. If the Commission finds that the measure has an adverse impact on the competitiveness of companies in other Member States, does it intend to propose a coordinated European framework for supporting energy-intensive industries in order to ensure equal treatment across the Union?

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