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to the Commission**

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Subject: Offshore wind: its environmental impact and the EU's continued support

A recent study published in the press highlights that offshore wind farms can alter surface wind, reduce vertical mixing and significantly increase the sea surface temperature, potentially impacting marine biodiversity and fishery resources.

Meanwhile, the Commission is strongly encouraging the large-scale deployment of offshore wind, even though such energy is intermittent, weather-dependent and difficult to store, requires costly back-up capacity, and receives significant public subsidies, which are likely to distort competition, and even to go hand in hand with dumping practices, particularly in the face of the almost monopolistic imports of equipment.

In light of the precautionary principle and marine protection targets, can the Commission:

1. reassess its quantitative targets and financial support for offshore wind?
2. consider redirecting some of those resources towards controllable, low-carbon and non-weather-dependent electricity production, such as nuclear power?

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