

Question for written answer E-003694/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Will Brussels make households pay for its electrification policy?

In its Electrification Action Plan of 17 July 2026¹, the Commission notes that electricity is on average two and a half times more expensive than gas for EU households. It wants to see the electricity-to-gas price ratio for households brought down to a maximum of 2.5 by 2030 and announces a provision regarding their tax differential. It also plans to propose the phasing-out of fossil fuel subsidies.

Yet many households – especially rural and low-income households – are still dependent on gas boilers or vehicles with internal combustion engines, and cannot afford to immediately buy a heat pump, renovate their home or buy an electric vehicle. The plan itself acknowledges that the upfront costs of such equipment remain high.

Can the Commission guarantee that the proposed tax to rebalance electricity and gas prices and the phasing-out of fossil fuel subsidies will not push up the price of gas or fuel, or, more broadly, the energy bills of households that cannot afford the equipment imposed by this transition?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0595>.