

Question for written answer E-003816/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Apply a European brake on energy costs

The war in Ukraine, the flare-up in the Middle East and the crisis in the Strait of Hormuz have triggered a continuing energy crisis with unbearable economic consequences for households and businesses. Electricity prices have skyrocketed. In this context, it is essential to create a permanent European mechanism to protect households and businesses, which will prevent extreme increases in electricity prices. Such a mechanism would be activated when prices exceed pre-defined levels and would allow, on the basis of clear European rules, the immediate mobilisation of resources to support consumers and businesses. It cannot be that every new energy crisis finds Europe searching for emergency solutions from scratch. A permanent safety net is needed, which will be activated when there is a real need.

Given this:

1. Is the Commission considering the creation of a permanent European mechanism to protect consumers and businesses from future energy crises and extreme price increases?
2. Does the Commission intend to make additional European resources available to support households and businesses to address energy costs in periods of sharp price increases?
3. What measures does the Commission intend to take by 2027 to substantially reduce the cost of electricity bills for households and businesses?

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