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to the Commission
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Subject: Italy's compliance with the ETS Directive and revenue transparency

In reply E-000946/2026[1], the Commission pointed out that Italy did not allocate all its ETS auction revenues to climate-related endeavours.

On October 14 2026, Prime Minister Meloni told the Chamber of Deputies that 50 % of Italy's ETS proceeds were being used by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) to decarbonise buildings and that the rest had been divided among the Ministries of Environment and Energy Security (MASE), Enterprises and Made in Italy (MIMIT), and Infrastructure and Transport (MIT), but did not specify the sums involved or break them down by project or fiscal year. In addition, Confindustria has stated that only 9 % of Italy's ETS revenues are funding decarbonisation initiatives.

At its hearing of 17 June 2026, the Parliamentary Budget Office (UPB) highlighted that Italy is not transposing Directive 2003/87/EC correctly because it continues to allocate half of its carbon trading proceeds to the State Bond Sinking Fund.

Ever since the revised Directive entered into force on 5 June 2023, Article 10(3) thereof has required Member States to use all their ETS revenues (with the exception of the proceeds earmarked for indirect carbon cost compensation) or an equivalent sum for the purposes outlined in the Directive.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission ask Italy to submit a report breaking down all ETS revenues collected since 5 June 2023 by type (appropriations, commitments, payments, unspent sums and equivalent resources) and by fiscal year, project and public body, and will it then publish this information?

2. Will it, in the light of the UPB's findings, compare Ms Meloni's declarations to the official figures in order to verify whether Italy is correctly implementing Directive 2003/87/EC and determine where the equivalent resources are ending up?

3. Will the Commission push for greater transparency in the use of revenues, including through the establishment of a single national transition fund which could, by means of coordinated programming and public reporting, ensure effective and traceable ETS revenue expenditure?

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[1] https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000946_EN.html.