

**Priority question for written answer P-004123/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Disproportionate and anti-competitive consequences of the Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA)

The obligations arising from Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 (the Net-Zero Industry Act – NZIA) and its implementing acts appear to be disproportionate and anti-competitive in their effect, and this is something that has been reported in several Member States.

Can the Commission explain:

1. The method used to apportion the CO₂ storage requirements among the Member States under Articles 23 and 20 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1735, given that Romania – despite only contributing around 3 % of total CO₂ emissions between 2020 and 2023 – has been allocated a share that is more than 20 % of the total EU storage requirement?
2. How it justifies this interference in the rules of the commercial market, given that it is directly imposing requirements on companies subject to corporate governance and protected by EU regulations on fair competition?
3. The adoption of this measure in the absence of a viable CO₂ storage technology – both on-shore (due to the risk of soil contamination) and off-shore (due to technical and regulatory obstacles) – which is liable to result in higher energy costs and further polarisation of the public debate over the ban on Russian gas imports?

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