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**Question for written answer E-000303/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Enhancing transparency in transition finance for retail investors

A report published by Better Finance, the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users, highlights concerns among European retail investors regarding the lack of clarity and commitment surrounding financial products dedicated to transitional activities.

In a survey of retail investors in France, Germany and Italy, respondents emphasised the urgent need for clearer communication about transition finance products. They also called for the creation of dedicated financial product categories for transitional activities and the implementation of harmonised legislation to enhance trust and transparency across the EU.

These findings underline a growing demand for regulatory and market reforms to ensure that retail investors can confidently invest in products aimed at facilitating the transition to sustainable activities. Without clear guidelines, trust in these financial products may erode, potentially slowing the achievement of the EU's green transition objectives.

What measures does the Commission plan to implement to improve transparency, create dedicated product categories for transitional activities and harmonise legislation to meet the needs of European retail investors?

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**Answer given by Ms Albuquerque on behalf of the European Commission
(2 April 2025)**

The Commission work programme for 2025 contains a proposal to revise the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, planned for the fourth quarter of 2025 ⁽¹⁾.

This will take into account the feedback received in the consultations carried out in 2023 and summarised in a statement published in May 2024 ⁽²⁾, as well as several other inputs received since then ⁽³⁾.

This feedback generally reflects support for the creation of simple and standardised financial product categories for investments toward sustainability objectives, including one dedicated to facilitating the transition of activities and companies. The Commission will duly consider this feedback in its proposal.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2025_en

⁽²⁾ https://finance.ec.europa.eu/document/download/0f2cfde1-12b0-4860-b548-0393ac5b592b_en?filename=2023-sfdr-implementation-summary-of-responses_en.pdf

⁽³⁾ E.g. ESAs propose improvements to the sustainable finance disclosure regulation: <https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esas-propose-improvements-sustainable-finance-disclosure-regulation> ;Platform on Sustainable Finance on the Categorisation of products under SFDR — Report: https://finance.ec.europa.eu/publications/categorisation-products-under-sfdr-proposal-platform-sustainable-finance_en