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Question for written answer E-003680/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Impact assessment on the amendment to the European Climate Law broken down by individual Member States

In July 2025, the Commission proposed to amend the European Climate Law, introducing a new climate target — a 90% reduction in emissions compared to 1990 levels by 2040. Achieving this target will be detrimental to Europe's competitiveness. The law is accompanied by an impact assessment, published in February 2024, which estimates the impact of the new target on the functioning of the Union at the pan-European level. However, given the diverse nature of the Member States and the need for a just transition, the Commission needs to prepare an assessment broken down by individual Member States.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission plan to present an impact assessment on the amendment to the European Climate Law broken down by individual Member States, and if so, when will this take place?
2. What specific steps has the Commission taken to ensure that the proposed climate target is achievable for all Member States, that it takes differences in energy mixes into account, and that it assesses the social and economic costs in each country?

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Answer given by Mr Hoekstra on behalf of the European Commission
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The decarbonisation of the EU economy implies a steep reduction of fossil fuel imports ⁽¹⁾ and associated costs, which will allow to invest in the deployment of decarbonised energy supply and energy efficiency, reinforcing our energy security and creating new economic opportunities and jobs.

The impact assessment accompanying the 2040 climate target provides an analysis on the exposure of EU regions to climate change impacts ⁽²⁾ and to the transition on the basis of their economic activity.

The implications of the EU-wide 2040 target at Member State level will depend on the design of climate policies, the broader enabling framework as well as on how Member States implement it. Impacts will also depend on national policy choices and decisions.

The assessment of the post-2030 policy framework will be possible once the Commission starts developing the proposals for specific policies to deliver the 2040 target.

The policy proposals will be accompanied by impact assessments ⁽³⁾. The Commission's analyses will embed, to the extent technically possible, the national policies and measures as expressed in the National Energy and Climate Plans.

⁽¹⁾ See for instance Section 2.6 of Annex 8 in Part 3/5 of the impact assessment of the 2040 climate target (SWD/2024/63 final): Securing our future, Europe's 2040 climate target and path to climate neutrality by 2050 building a sustainable, just and prosperous society.

⁽²⁾ Section 2.3 and 3.3 of the Annex 7 in Part 2/5 of the impact assessment of the 2040 climate target (SWD/2024/63 final).

⁽³⁾ As per the Better Regulation system: https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation_en.