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**Question for written answer E-004517/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Price of electricity

The EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), in its report of 5 November 2025 on progress in electricity market integration, drew attention to the continued risk of price volatility in the European Union. The Agency considers that, in order to reduce consumers' exposure to price spikes, accelerated investments are needed in storage, additional production and the completion of interconnections.

Eurostat concluded on 29 October 2025 that European electricity prices for household consumers have peaked and plateaued.

Given these circumstances, what action is the Commission considering taking to stave off a fresh electricity price crisis?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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The co-legislators agreed in 2024 on the European electricity market design reform to address high and volatile prices. The reform strengthens the role of power purchase agreements and two-way contracts for difference to promote long-term pricing tools, promotes non-fossil flexibility as an alternative to gas, and allows consumers to be less dependent on volatile short-term markets.

The Commission supports Member States in their implementation. Furthermore, the Commission adopted in February the action plan for Affordable Energy that comprises short- and long-term measures to structurally lower energy prices ⁽¹⁾.

In addition, the Commission is supporting the accelerated deployment of non-fossil flexibility. Already in 2025, annual storage investment volumes in Europe are catching up with China and the United States according to the International Energy Agency's latest World Investment Outlook ⁽²⁾.

Via tertiary legislation, the Commission aims to address remaining regulatory barriers for non-fossil flexibility. It will also adopt a Clean Energy Investment Strategy, which will help accelerate investments into non-fossil flexibility.

The recently adopted Grids Package ensures a more efficient and more interconnected European energy system, ultimately contributing to lower energy prices and lower price disparities among Member States.

Finally, the Commission proposed a reinforced Connecting Europe Facility for Energy in the Multiannual Financial Framework proposal ⁽³⁾, increasing the support of interconnection reinforcement from EUR 5.84 billion to EUR 29.91 billion for 2028-2034.

Domestic grid projects will be eligible for funding under the National and Regional Partnerships Plans and the European Competitiveness Fund.

⁽¹⁾ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/action-plan-affordable-energy-unlocking-true-value-our-energy-union-secure-affordable-efficient-and_en.

⁽²⁾ <https://www.iea.org/reports/world-energy-investment-2025>.

⁽³⁾ MFF proposal COM(2025)570: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0570&qid=1753978048542>.