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Retail energy costs differ across Member States due to wholesale market conditions, network costs and congestion, national taxes and levies, the energy mix, and interconnection levels.

According to Eurostat data¹, household electricity and gas prices² in Greece in the first half of 2025 were below the EU average³. This does not preclude regional price pressures in south-eastern Europe linked to tight supply/demand conditions during peak periods, limited non-fossil flexibility and structural interconnection constraints.

In 2025, the Commission engaged with Member State authorities and stakeholders, including in Greece, inter alia through the Energy Union Task Force for South-Eastern Europe, and stressed the importance of accelerating grid and interconnection investments, efficient use of existing grids, and deploying storage, demand response and flexibility solutions. It also adopted the Affordable Energy Action Plan⁴ with key actions to lower energy costs for EU citizens in the short-term.

Regarding consumer protection, the Commission considers that lasting price stabilisation is best achieved through structural measures. The reformed electricity market design strengthens long-term contracts, reduces exposure to gas price volatility and supports investment in clean generation and flexibility, while allowing targeted protection in crisis situations. Member States may apply targeted support for vulnerable under EU law, complemented by EU funding instruments, notably the Social Climate Fund. To increase citizen participation in the energy transition, strengthen the social dimension of the Energy Union and improve access to affordable energy for households, the Commission will publish a Citizens Energy Package.

¹ Electricity price statistics : <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?oldid=670662> and Natural gas price statistics : https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Natural_gas_price_statistics.

² Prices considered in absolute terms (prices in EUR), for the household consumption band referred to in the first paragraph of the parliamentary question.

³ In the first half of 2025, the value for electricity prices for households in Greece was EUR 22.6 per 100 kWh compared to the EU average of EUR 28.7. Household gas prices stood at EUR 8.6 per 100 kWh for Greece compared to an EU average of EUR 11.4. In real terms, adjusted for Purchasing Power Standard (PPS), the household electricity price in Greece during the first half of 2025 was PPS 27.8 per 100 kWh and 28.6 in the EU.

⁴ COM(2025) 79 final.