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Europe is facing a serious situation when it comes to fossil fuels, which threatens to impose further costs on households and business. A united, coordinated European response is needed in order to avoid fragmented national approaches and disruptive signals to the market: solidarity, transparency, and cooperation remain critical.

In response, the Commission presented on 22 April 2026 the AccelerateEU communication¹ with concrete measures to be taken immediately at Member States level in order to shield families and business alike, increase coordination and accelerate phase-out from fossil fuels, building on the lessons learnt with the 2022 crisis. These measures must be targeted – protecting the most vulnerable, temporary and avoid worsening supply conditions, focusing on energy savings. They should accelerate the phasing out of fossil fuels by increasing the efficiency of the energy system and accelerating deployment of electrification and homegrown clean energy, including by better leveraging storage and demand flexibility for the benefit of consumers. No EU-wide mechanism such as price ceiling is currently envisaged.

Furthermore, the Commission will adopt a set of detailed recommendations to implement the Citizens Energy Package², to help consumers bring down their bills. These recommendations will aim at preventing consumer disconnections, prioritise consumer protection and switching to cheaper contracts, as well as expanding support for self-consumption and energy communities.

EU funds can play an important role in mitigating the impact of the current situation for example to support investments on energy efficiency; the setting up of an extraordinary fund to support Member States is not currently envisaged.

¹ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/strategy/accelerateeu-strengthen-eu-energy-resilience_en.

² https://energy.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-boost-access-affordable-and-clean-energy-all-europeans-2026-03-10_en.