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**Question for written answer E-001151/26
to the Commission
Anna Brylka (P/E)
(19 March 2026)**

Subject: The cost of the ETS in the price of electricity

1. What percentage share does the Commission use in its own analyses, reports and documents to represent the share of ETS costs in the price of electricity in individual Member States? Could the Commission provide figures for each Member State separately in its reply, with a price breakdown for 'households' and for 'others'?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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The geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have had an immediate impact on energy markets. Threats to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, have increased gas prices and, consequently, electricity wholesale prices across the Union.

These developments underline the continued exposure of the Union to imported fossil fuels due to the volatility of global markets. They highlight the importance of accelerating the transition towards homegrown, clean energy sources.

In this context, the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) remains a key instrument for reducing Europe's dependency on imported fossil fuels, enhancing resilience and ensuring long-term price stability.

Without the ETS Europe would now consume 100 billion cubic meters more gas, making Europe more vulnerable. In line with the conclusions of the European Council, the Commission is working on a toolbox of targeted, temporary measures addressing all components of electricity prices.

The ETS component of the retail electricity price is around 11% for industry, and 5% for households in the EU on average, and is a smaller component than each of fuel costs, network charges and taxes and levies.

The Commission will present a comprehensive review of the ETS by July 2026 to strengthen the carbon market and ensure it delivers a fair, cost-effective contribution towards the recently agreed 2040 target ⁽¹⁾.

On 1 April 2026, the Commission announced the first concrete measure to strengthen the ETS, proposing an amendment to the Market Stability Reserve (the ETS's built-in stabilisation measure) ⁽²⁾.

Data on electricity prices for households and non-households for the individual Member States are available on the website of Eurostat ⁽³⁾, ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2026/667 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 as regards the setting of a Union intermediate climate target for 2040.

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_666.

⁽³⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/nrg_pc_204/default/table?lang=en.

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