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**Priority question for written answer P-004558/25
to the Commission
Fabio De Masi (NI)
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Subject: Industrial energy price compensation and EU State aid framework

The German Government intends to launch an industrial electricity price for energy intensive companies as a means of mitigating the high cost of energy. As it stands, around 350 energy-intensive companies in Germany already benefit from an electricity price compensation measure, which compensates for the additional costs borne due to the increased cost of electricity from gas and coal-fired power plants as a result of the EU emissions trading system ⁽¹⁾. However, it seems that under current EU law, companies can only benefit from one aid measure in relation to electricity ⁽²⁾. This raises the question as to whether EU law is acting as a barrier to competitive energy prices.

1. Does the Commission consider that launching a German industrial electricity price — without limiting the existing electricity price compensation — would be in breach of EU State aid rules and that the implementation of such a model would therefore be impossible?
2. Does the Commission consider that adjustments to the existing EU State aid framework are necessary so that in future both instruments — industrial electricity prices and electricity price compensation — can be used in parallel?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is bound by confidentiality and cannot comment on ongoing discussions with Member States on state aid matters.

As a general principle under state aid rules, different state aid instruments can be combined, as long as the same eligible cost is not aided twice.

The Commission adopted the Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework (CISAF) ⁽³⁾ in June 2025 and there is currently no indication that amendments to the framework would be necessary.

¹ <https://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/deutschland/energie-so-koennte-der-industriestrompreis-aussehen/100169311.html>

² <https://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/soziales/berlins-konjunkturprogramm-jetzt-braucht-merz-hilfe-aus-bruessel-a-5f810eac-ad0d-4e03-b625-14418f731cf9>

⁽³⁾ https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/about/contribution-clean-just-and-competitive-transition/clean-industrial-deal-state-aid-framework-cisaf_en.