

EN
P-001009/2026
Answer given by Mr Jørgensen
on behalf of the European Commission
(20.5.2026)

The AccelerateEU Communication¹ outlines the Commission's immediate response to help Member States protect consumers from price shocks (including the adoption of a temporary State aid framework), alongside measures to address all electricity retail price components ((a) cost of electricity, (b) network/grid charges, (c) taxes and levies and (d) carbon costs). To end structural dependence on imported fossil fuels and in line with our long-term objectives, the Commission's strategy is focused on electrification based on homegrown clean energy, resilient grids, flexibility, interconnections and energy efficiency. To this end, the Commission will present in the coming months an Electrification Action Plan.

The general escape clause of the Stability and Growth Pact can only be activated in the event of a severe economic downturn in the euro area or the EU. While risks to the EU economic outlook have increased over recent weeks, it cannot be concluded, at this stage, that this condition has been or will soon be met. The Commission will continue monitoring the situation.

The Commission will continue efforts prioritising security of energy supply and affordability, including in the areas raised by the European Council in its conclusions of 19-20 March 2026. To date, there is no energy security of supply issue thanks to diversification efforts. The Commission continuously assesses the evolution of the situation and its impacts. The Commission has no plans to suspend the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), which will be reviewed by July 2026 notably to set out the emissions cap and decarbonisation trajectory beyond 2030, in line with the 2040 emissions reduction target agreed by the co-legislators.

¹ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/accelerateeu-energy-union-affordable-and-secure-energy-through-accelerated-action_en.