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In 2022, the Commission presented a proposal for a solidarity contribution as part of Chapter III of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854¹, which was in force until 31 December 2023. It was always intended as a temporary extraordinary emergency measure justified by a specific set of circumstances at the time of its adoption. In its AccelerateEU Communication of 22 April 2026², the Commission recalled that Member States can take measures on the taxation of windfall profits to ensure social fairness. The Commission will assist Member States that wish to implement a national measure and provide best practices on national measures, as well as assess their impact on the Internal Market.

The European Council invited the Commission to act on targeted temporary measures to address fossil fuel price spikes, and on measures across all components of electricity prices to reduce prices and limit short-term volatility, including for energy-intensive sectors. The Commission will work with Member States to design national temporary and targeted measures to mitigate the impact of fuels and related cost components on electricity generation costs, while preserving long-term investment signals, supporting decarbonisation, and ensuring a level playing field.

To address rising energy costs and further reduce dependency on volatile fossil fuel markets, due to the escalating Middle East conflict, the Commission presented a comprehensive plan of actions and measures in its AccelerateEU Communication. Boosting investment in the energy transition and in circular solutions was identified as one of the key pillars to break the cycle of fossil fuel dependency.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32022R1854&qid=1700494270231>.

² COM(2026) 370 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52026DC0370>.