

**Question for written answer E-007020/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Designation of Miguel Arias Cañete as Energy and Climate Commissioner

While advanced countries in Europe lead a green revolution fighting climate change and promoting renewable, clean energy, the People's Party in Spain has gone the opposite way: it is dismantling former renewable energy support schemes (retroactively affecting investments in photovoltaics), punishing self-energy production and consumption and increasing the number of oil prospecting projects, in which Miguel Arias Cañete, the Energy and Climate Commissioner-designate, has direct interests.

Given Mr Cañete's designation, I wonder whether the EU intends to emulate Spanish energy and climate policy at the European level. Does the Commission have any plans to impede Spain's retrograde climate and energy policy?