Question for written answer E-007303/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Jørn Dohrmann (ECR)

Subject: Disproportionate EU ammonia reduction targets

The Barroso Commission has tabled a proposal for a new air quality package, which includes targets for ammonia emissions reductions in 2020 and 2030.

The EU ammonia reduction target for 2020 is only 6 % compared to 2005. Today, reductions to the order of 5.7 % have already been achieved.

However, while the environmental benefits are very modest, some countries are set to reduce ammonia emissions by four times the EU average.

In Denmark, which is assigned a 24 % reduction target by 2020, it is estimated that such a policy will lead to the loss of 11 000 jobs and a loss of agricultural exports worth EUR 1 billion.

What is the view of the Juncker Commission on the very high discrepancy in burden sharing amongst Member States on this file?

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