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One of the greatest challenges that Europe faces is in guaranteeing its energy needs. Conflicts such as that in Ukraine are proof that Europe needs to improve its energy security both by diversifying its supply and by reducing oil and gas imports, as well as by increasing its own energy production capacity.

Renewable energies play a crucial role, both in reducing greenhouse gases and due to their job-creating potential.

At the start of the year, the European Parliament agreed to ask the Commission to raise its targets with regard to renewable energies. Regrettably, the Commission has not taken up this proposal, which shows a paucity of commitment and strategic vision, a paucity that is found in countries like Spain, where rules such as Royal Decree 413/2014 have been the subject of appeals to the Supreme Court on the grounds that they apply retroactive measures.

How does the Commission intend to encourage the use of renewable energies? Will it act on the agreement reached by the European Parliament to boost renewable energies beyond the targets set in the 2020 Strategy?