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to the Commission**

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Subject: Implementation of energy efficiency

Across Europe, countries are working hard to reframe national regulations in order to comply with the measures laid down in the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), and the Commission has been assiduously monitoring their progress. Last July, Energy Commissioner Oettinger initiated infringement proceedings against 24 Member States, including Germany, on account of their poor performance in implementing the 2020 Directive. As a result, many Member States have expressed concern at the enormous cost of adapting to the Commission's deadlines.

What steps is the Commission taking to assess the capacity of individual Member States to adapt to the principles outlined in the EED – i.e. the financial and economic burden of imposing stringent deadlines and targets?