

**Question for written answer E-008495/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Solutions for managing variable renewable energy

The fluctuating nature of energy generated from variable renewable sources (notably wind and solar power) can significantly inhibit the development of this sector, in particular in situations of high market penetration. This may hinder the EU from reaching its ambitious climate and energy targets.

Load balancing infrastructure (e.g. pumped-storage hydroelectricity) seems key to addressing this structural impediment for the proper management of electricity grids.

1. What is the Commission's approach to creating incentives at Union and/or Member State level to support the development of such vital assets, or of other potential solutions with similar roles/uses?