

**Question for written answer E-009717/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU fines incurred by the Netherlands for failure to meet environmental objectives

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), European environmental and climate objectives are 'unattainable', while the OECD energy think tank has warned that consumers will be faced with a 'massive bill' for measures to achieve sustainable energy objectives.

The EU has set itself the target of achieving a 20 % reduction in CO2 emissions by 2020. Europe also is required to achieve a 20% saving in energy consumption and produce 20% of its energy from 'sustainable' sources (for example solar and wind energy) by that deadline. The cost of this must be met by the taxpayer, who will be required to foot the bill for not only sustainable energy but also business subsidies and, in particular, wind generators.

Can the Commission give an overview indicating the number and amount of fines incurred by the Netherlands over the past ten years for failure to comply with EU environmental objectives?