

**Question for written answer E-011279/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The internal energy market and renewable energy: how does Europe intend to promote flexibility?

The European Union has set ambitious climate and energy targets for 2020 and 2050, which will entail significant changes to Europe's energy supply.

Although renewable energy sources (RES) are playing an increasingly major role in the internal energy market, they cannot, on their own, guarantee a constant supply of electricity that is enough to meet demand. Other flexible sources of supply are therefore needed to properly compensate for any variations in the volume of renewable energy produced.

On 13 October 2013, the Commission published the communication 'Progress towards completing the internal energy market', which recognised the need for flexibility within the internal energy market but did not propose any concrete measures.

Can the Commission clarify its position regarding the implementation of flexible solutions for the future internal energy market? Has it quantified the flexibility required to meet Europe's energy needs for the periods 2020—2030 and 2020—2050?

In light of the above, is the Commission developing a set of guidelines for promoting flexibility within the internal energy market?