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to the Commission
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Subject: Retail market

The European Commission has announced that it will release a communication on the retail energy market in the first quarter of 2015. Household energy use across Europe currently accounts for around 30 % of the EU's total electricity consumption.

In what ways is the Commission working to encourage new community stakeholders, such as energy cooperatives, to become involved in and contribute to the retail energy market?

What political measures is the Commission planning to take in order to support and promote individual and collective self-consumption of energy?

What measures will the Commission be proposing to encourage the production of renewable energy, linking it with energy efficiency, so that individual consumers may benefit directly?