Question for written answer E-003689/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Jørn Dohrmann (ECR)

Subject: Energy Union and Norway

The EU is working to establish a very ambitious Energy Union, which also aims to involve Norway and increase cooperation on energy.

Has the Commission considered linking energy cooperation with Norway with other areas in which the EU cooperates with the country through the EEA?

In 2012, Norway had an EU trade surplus of EUR 46.7 billion compared with its fixed contribution of NOK 2.8 billion a year to economic and social harmonisation in Central and Eastern Europe (2009-2014).

Norway's customs duties on agricultural goods from the EU are, for example, 277 % on yellow cheese, 344 % on beef and 429 % on lamb, which contributes to the distortion of the trade.

These duties are contrary to the EEA agreement which Norway entered into with the EU. How will the Commission ensure that Norway abides by the agreements entered into in connection with its involvement in the Energy Union?

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