

**Question for written answer E-004602/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU energy market - new measures to promote energy-saving LED light bulbs

Energy-saving LED light bulbs are already technologically advanced and cost-effective enough to cover all the requirements of the EU energy market – according to a recent study carried out by the Danish Energy Agency and sent to the European Commission and Member States. This report comes exactly one month before a vote is set to take place on the possible banning of low-quality halogen light bulbs from 2016. The Commission reportedly appears willing to propose that a ban on category C and D halogen bulbs be deferred by two years in order to respond to the concerns of certain Member States that these new energy-saving LED bulbs are supposedly not yet capable of replacing their less efficient counterparts.

1. Given that said ban would (according to estimates) bring about significant cuts to electricity consumption in the EU, with a marked improvement in European energy efficiency, can the Commission please reveal what promotional measures it plans to implement in Member States – including those most reluctant towards the ban?
2. Given the significant impact that this ban would have in terms of reducing costs for European consumers – a potential saving of more than EUR 100 for each halogen bulb replaced with an LED bulb (over the whole life-cycle of an energy-saving bulb which would theoretically consume less energy while lasting 16 years longer) – does the Commission not deem it appropriate to preserve the 2016 deadline?