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Subject: Penalising energy self-consumption

Apart from the various 'petro-political theories' which aim to explain why Saudi Arabia is flooding the oil market, what is certain is that the current price of crude is a mirage, and Europe does not appear to have made much progress with its strategy to reduce energy dependence. On the contrary, European and national laws sometimes appear to be more concerned with the interests of the energy oligopolies than with those of the people.

There are constant examples of this in Spain, with measures planned by the Spanish Government such as 'subsidies for solar self-consumption' (which would imply penalising energy self-consumption) and the disproportionate increase in the fixed energy charge (which acts as a disincentive to energy-saving projects).

Does the Commission believe that these measures contribute to a European strategy to reduce energy dependence?

Can the Commission in any way guide national policies in the direction of this strategy?