

**Question for written answer E-007193/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Shell and the European Union's energy targets

In October 2014, the European Union adopted its energy targets for 2030: it plans to reduce emissions by 40 % compared with 1990 levels.

However, the European Union has not set out any measures for achieving this reduction, and a target has not been determined for each Member State. Besides this, no binding target has been adopted. The European Union must admittedly achieve a target of 27 % renewable energy by 2030, but this is not binding on the Member States.

Today, the *Guardian* published documents which demonstrate that Shell lobbyists did their utmost to ensure that binding targets were not included in the Commission's plan. It also appears that many key points of the European agreement featured in proposals made by Shell lobbyists as early as October 2011.

1. Why did the European Commission fail to include binding targets for Member States in its energy targets for 2030?
2. What influence did Shell and other lobbying groups have on the drafting of the European Union's energy targets?