

**Question for written answer E-011492/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Design of the electricity market

There are still many obstacles in designing the electricity market which stand in the way of the establishment of a functioning energy Union. These include: price zones that are too small, the lack of spot markets, a shortage of interconnectors and inadequate pricing. The issue of capacity markets is completely incompatible with the objectives of a transnational, dynamic and liquid energy market. In the so-called summer package, which was presented on 15 July 2015, the Commission is short on specifics on the design of the electricity market, and particularly on the issue of capacity markets.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. How does it assess the risk that the implementation of a functioning energy Union and the integration of renewable energy will be made more difficult by the creation of more capacity markets?
2. What measures will it take to ensure conditionality in the creation of capacity mechanisms?
3. Can it quantify the direct and indirect economic losses that will be caused by creating capacity markets in Europe?