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to the Commission**
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Subject: ETS and energy efficiency

The ETS reform is well under way, and the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive is also being reviewed. These two measures could both help to secure a further reduction in greenhouse gases and make energy consumption more sustainable, especially where the primary energy mix is concerned. Attention seems to be focusing chiefly on the emissions trading system, whereas energy efficiency – despite the great strides being made by technology and the obvious advantages for consumers, industry, and the climate – is apparently being relegated into the background.

1. How does the Commission view the increasingly frequent criticism that energy efficiency and emissions trading are mutually frustrating in terms of their effectiveness and achieving their goals?
2. How does it respond to calls to shift the focus away from the emissions trading scheme and place correspondingly stronger emphasis on energy efficiency?
3. Energy efficiency technologies are continuing to advance, and digital technologies in particular are affording increasingly wider scope for efficient energy consumption. That being the case, how will the Commission combine the aims, workings, and possibilities of ETS and energy efficiency into a harmonious whole, thus ensuring that the one does not keep undermining the other?