

**Question for written answer E-014857/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Energy efficiency

The Commission is currently taking legal action against 27 Member States for failing to implement the Energy Efficiency Directive. Setting aside the issue of whether the blame for this failure lies solely with the Member States themselves or whether the targets are set in such a way that Member States cannot implement the directive without lowering their sights in the areas of industrialisation and production, a revision of the targets would seem to be essential given that, as things stand, they are clearly too ambitious.

1. Notwithstanding the importance of energy efficiency - even if policy in this area is partly at odds with the principles underpinning the ETS and the two instruments cancel each other out to some extent - is the Commission planning to revise the energy efficiency targets, in order to offer individual Member States greater leeway, without altering the target for the EU as a whole?
2. On page 11 of its communication on energy efficiency the Commission states that raising the target for energy savings to be achieved by means of energy efficiency to 40% - as called for by Parliament - would have a 'valuable impact' on energy dependency, but that energy system costs would be increased by EUR 112 billion per year. What account will the Commission take of the cost factor this 'valuable impact' represents when considering a possible revision of the energy efficiency targets?
3. In the Commission's view, how will the EU be able to fund the measures needed to meet a more ambitious energy efficiency target?