

**Question for written answer E-004342/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Transitional free allocations for the modernisation of electricity generation under the EU Emissions Trading System

In July 2015 the Commission submitted a legislative proposal for the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) for the period after 2020. As Parliament advances in defining its position on this legislative proposal, the issues of transitional free allocations and modernisation of specific sectors remain crucial for a viable, cost-efficient and future-proof ETS system, reconciling emissions reductions and economic competitiveness in a sustainable manner. In this endeavour, drawing the right conclusions from experiences to date is of crucial importance.

In this context and with respect to the transitional free allocations for the modernisation of electricity generation in eligible Member States (Article 10c of Directive 2003/87/EC) for the period 2013-2020, has the Commission allowed any eligible Member State to include any new coal-fired plants in its National Investment Plan (NIP), bearing in mind the Commission's guidance document of 2011 on the optional application of that article published in 2011¹? In addition, has the Commission allowed any eligible Member State to include investments in renewable energy sources in its NIP?

¹ OJ C 99, 31.3.2011, p. 9.