

**Question for written answer E-005106/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: renewable energy

The cost of renewable energy has fallen significantly over the last few years. As a result of this, and of the technological progress made in production and storage, renewable energy sources are becoming increasingly competitive in relation to conventional energy sources. Considering that, in accordance with the agreement made at the Paris climate conference (COP 21), the Renewable Energy Directive must be adapted to meet the target on limiting global temperature increases, I would like to ask the following questions:

1. Tax cuts are a major incentive to transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. When will the Commission start working on proposals to reform the Energy Tax Directive and state aid rules, which prevent such incentives from being fully used?
2. Does the Commission intend to put forward proposals to fill the existing regulatory gaps in the legislation on renewable energy after 2020 and if so, when?