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to the Commission**

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Subject: Focusing on energy, the climate and sustainability

Most researchers take the view that human activity has a major effect on the climate, and as a highly developed and industrialised continent, Europe is contributing to that climate change.

Fossil fuels are running out and being replaced by new and renewable sources of energy (solar, wind and wave power, for example), and investments are being made to improve energy efficiency and insulation.

These new sources of energy are not without problems, however. There are all sorts of environmental problems with the disposal of wind turbine blades, the use of rare raw materials like silver in solar panels, and dust from insulation materials that affects people's lungs.

There is therefore a real need for research into and testing of new forms of energy, new materials and smarter ways of using energy in order to allow Europe to become a leader in this field, thereby safeguarding jobs and future income.

Does the Commission agree that sustainable energy is not always sustainable if looked at from a wider perspective?

Is the Commission going to be focusing more on the three areas of energy, the climate and sustainability?

Is the Commission going to support research into the correlation between, and solutions relating to, energy, the climate and sustainability?