Question for written answer E-002767/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Carolina Punset (ALDE)

Subject: Advance warning to Member States of the risk of not meeting climate and renewable

energy targets

According to a report by the Observatory on Sustainability, Spain emitted a total of 337 million tonnes of greenhouse gases in 2015. Overall, emissions in Spain increased by 3.3% in total compared with 2014, while they decreased in practically all the other Member States.

The study shows that emissions from the electrical sector increased by 17.6%, with emissions from coal-powered (22.1%) and combined-cycle (16.3%) plants increasing the most.

The increase in emissions goes against the reduction commitments made by the signatories to the Paris Agreement on climate change, which Spain signed in New York on 22 April 2016 and ratified on 13 January 2017.

According to Eurostat, 16.2% of the energy that Spain uses is renewable, which is far from the agreed target of 20% by 2020, making Spain one of the countries that has made the least progress of the 28 Member States.

Will the Commission give advance warning to Member States about the risk of not meeting the international climate change targets that they and the EU have agreed and the EU's own renewable energy targets?

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