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to the Commission**

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Subject: Compliance with national carbon allocation plans in some Member States

Greenhouse gas emissions in Poland fell by 37% between 1990 and 2002. Since 2003, however, they have risen by 3%.

Although they remain below the target of 14%, statistics show that Poland is lagging behind the other eastern European Member States in cutting its emissions, and its future development plans suggest that it will face difficulties in doing so in future.

Poland plans to increase its coal power capacity to 11 300 MW by 2020 and to construct nine new open-cast lignite mines, given that most of its power plants are over 30 years old.

The plan would hinder the development of renewables (coal power is projected to account for over 50% of energy in 2050) and entails generous government subsidies for coal power and mining, neither of which are profitable.¹

This policy poses a significant threat to overall progress in meeting EU emissions reduction targets, jeopardising the fulfilment of the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

In view of these development plans from Member States, does the Commission believe it necessary to issue early warnings prior to the submission of the draft national energy and climate plans?

¹ http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2017/607335/IPOL_BRI%282017%29607335_EN.pdf