

**Question for written answer E-004505/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Greenhouse gas emissions 2030 reduction target

In July 2018, Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) voted in favour of the agreements reached by the Council, the Commission and Parliament on recasting the Renewable Energy Directive and amending the Energy Efficiency Directive, as proposed in the Clean Energy for All Europeans package. The agreements reached raise the Commission's proposed targets for renewable energy and energy efficiency from 27 % and 30 % respectively to 32 % and 32.5 % respectively.

In view of these agreements, the Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, Miguel Arias Cañete, has said that these new targets mean, de facto, that the EU is prepared to raise the 2030 target for reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from 40 % to 45 %.

The German Chancellor Angela Merkel, however, has made clear her opposition to a possible rise in the GHG emission reduction targets.

Given these statements, could the Commission provide an analysis of the reduction in GHG emissions that these new targets for renewables and energy efficiency appear to involve.