

**Question for written answer E-001057/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Climate change and renewables

The European Union has been giving top priority to measures to increase energy efficiency and tackle climate change<sup>1</sup> in a bid to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of at least 20% by 2020 and 40% by 2030 and a 25% increase in the use of renewables by 2030. According to official Eurostat data<sup>2</sup>, most Member States are falling short of the 2020 renewables target and there are wide disparities between the Member States regarding environmental and energy targets.

The Paris Agreement, the most important international climate accord, aims at keeping the global temperature rise this century 'well below' 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050.

In view of this:

1. What instruments will it use to provide financial incentives for Member States lagging behind their renewables targets?
2. What initiatives will the Commission take to provide information and raise public awareness regarding climate change?

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<sup>1</sup> See the latest EP Environment Committee (ENVI) briefing of January 2019 – 'European policies on climate and energy towards 2020, 2030 and 2050'

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=File:Share\\_of\\_energy\\_from\\_renewable\\_sources\\_2017\\_infograph.png](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=File:Share_of_energy_from_renewable_sources_2017_infograph.png)