

**Question for written answer E-002402/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Carbon tax at the EU's borders

In the European election campaign, we advocated an eco-barrier to impose pollution control levies on imported products in Europe. This measure was then adopted by the President-elect of the European Commission in her 'A Union that strives for more' programme, which proposes introducing a carbon tax at the borders of the European Union.

This system would help to achieve a balanced globalisation. It would not only serve to protect European consumers, industry and farmers, but would also send a strong signal to foreign producers who pollute. The resultant revenue would be used to increase the research and innovation budget.

1. Given that the announcement of the signing of an agreement with Mercosur has highlighted the need for this tax to be created, how does the Commission plan to implement it?
2. Does it intend to use the resultant revenues to increase the research and innovation budget in order to promote positive environmentalism?
3. More generally, does the Commission intend to carry out an impact assessment regarding the compliance of products imported into European territory with our health and environmental standards?