

Question for written answer E-004074/2013
to the Commission
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Subject: Renewable energy in Romania

In Romania investment in the renewable energy sector, in particular with regard to photovoltaic installations, is potentially profitable. It seems, however, that the country's energy minister has released a statement announcing the drafting of a measure that, from 1 July 2013, would drastically reduce the incentives offered (from 6 green certificates to 3.5 green certificates per unit of energy produced in the case of solar power). This measure would also lead to a series of other measures, such as a reduction in the maximum price of green certificates and the introduction of a register of equipment limiting the annual number of installations, which would basically cripple the sector. That is not all: anyone who invested money in the sector now stands to lose everything as well.

Can the Commission therefore say:

- whether it has been informed of this new measure;
- what its position is on the Romanian minister's statement;
- whether the measure is in line with the mandatory general national objectives and measures relating to the use of energy from renewable sources and with the national renewable energy action plans, as laid down by Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC?