

**Question for written answer E-010206/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: No approval of an energy agreement

In March 2012, by a large majority, the Danish Parliament adopted an ambitious energy agreement which inter alia would raise the price of biogas to DKK 1.15, thus ensuring the profitability of the Danish biogas sector.

On three occasions the Commission has submitted additional questions about the scheme, and as a result, according to the Danish Energy Agency, some 40 projects have come to a halt. Both new plants and extensions to existing installations are affected.

1. Is the Commission aware that it is seriously curbing development in what is a significant and responsible energy sector?
2. Does the Commission consider it proper, vis-à-vis the staff and management of existing biogas plants, to impede growth instead of creating it, which is what is needed, in the construction and sectors in Europe?
3. Can the Commission explain why it should take so long to make a decision?
4. When can the Danish biogas sector and the many related industries expect a final decision by the Commission?