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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rising electricity bills

Energy policy is currently characterised by regulatory uncertainty and increasing intervention at national level. However, this is leading to a slowdown, or maybe even a step backwards, in the integration of the energy market in Europe. In view of the rise in electricity costs - and particularly the rise in taxes and fees - affordability and competitiveness have become key concerns.

What specific steps can the Commission take to make sure this rise in electricity bills does not become insupportable? What can be done to ensure the affordability of electrical energy for European citizens?