

**Question for written answer E-002820/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: EU emissions trading system

The Commission published its 2030 climate change package on 22 January 2014 and set a new greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 40 %. To achieve this target, those sectors included in the EU emissions trading system will see their linear reduction factor changed from 1.74 % to 2.2 % in phase IV. The 1.74 % reduction factor uses a start point of the average quantity of allowances issued from 2008 to 2012. It is not clear from the information published by the Commission whether the 2.2 % reduction factor will use the same start point or whether the 2.2 % annual reduction from 2021 onwards will use the 2020 emission cap as the start point. The Commission is asked to clarify this.