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Subject: State of play of wind power in Poland

Poland's wind energy market was one of the strongest performers last year, installing a total of 1.3 GW in new capacity as developers pushed forward on projects.

The situation has changed dramatically and existing projects are being affected by restricted wind growth and the increasing cost of wind turbine development.

On 6 June 2017, a complaint was submitted to DG ENERGY over the violation of Article 13(1) of Directive 2009/28/EC by the provisions of the Polish Act of 20 May 2016 on investments in wind power plants.

According to the complainant, there is an unjustified restriction on the distance of installations from buildings (10 times their height) and wind installations are the only investment type that have to be located on the basis of local zoning plans. The requirements for the content of local plans, on the basis of which wind farms could be built, are often impossible to meet. In addition, too-short transitional periods have been introduced for projects that are being implemented.

What actions is the Commission going to take to ensure the compliance of Polish regulations on the construction of wind power installations with the provisions of Article 13(1) of the directive?