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to the Commission**

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In report after report, scientists have been warning national and European leaders about the climate crisis. On 8 October 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published a special report on the impacts of increasing global warming of 1.5 °C. In response to this issue, the European Union has set overall targets, including increasing the share of energy from renewables to 27 % and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40 %. However, despite ambitious targets, on 23 October 2018 the European Court of Auditors published a new report showing that EU action to support carbon capture and storage is insufficient to meet climate and energy targets.

With the launch of the Innovation Fund from 2021, does the Commission intend to separate the two funding programmes, to improve transparency and clarity in the next programme to support carbon capture and storage?

Is the Commission expecting to maintain the fund for the development of offshore wind power?