

**Question for written answer E-004422/2019/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Emissions in China

Partly as a result of the European Green Deal, a reduction in CO2 emissions is the top priority for the European Union. However, not all regions in the world are pursuing the same objectives, given that China is further expanding coal-fired electricity generation <sup>1</sup>, with the result that all of the European Union's efforts are being cancelled out by just one country. In addition to the existing coal-fired power plants with a total output of 1000 Gigawatts, plants with an output of a further 121 Gigawatts are under construction <sup>2</sup>.

1. What is the Commission's view of the construction of further coal-fired power plants in China, and what can it do to prevent their construction in order to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement?
2. Has the Commission evaluated the impact that it will have on prosperity in EU Member States if companies continue to shift their production to countries such as China owing to the availability of cheaper electricity?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.handelsblatt.com/unternehmen/energie/global-energy-monitor-chinas-kohleplaene-bringen-die-weltweiten-klimaziele-in-gefahr/25250284.html>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.wired.com/story/china-is-still-building-an-insane-number-of-new-coal-plants/>.