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to the Commission**

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Subject: Wind turbines imported from non-EU countries to the detriment of Europe's ecology and environment

Ecology in France and Europe is making headway in the face of the climate crisis. At the same time, press articles have appeared in recent weeks concerning wind turbines imported from countries outside the EU. Studies have demonstrated their harmful effect on biodiversity and ecosystems.

In France, the newspaper *Le Canard enchaîné* revealed in its 30 September 2020 edition that wind turbines are being manufactured in China or India and then shipped on cargo boats all the way to France. The same thing occurs with spare parts and components, which leave China to come to Europe.

Reducing the environmental impact across the European continent, and as a consequence cutting pollution, is one of the goals of the European Green Deal. However, sometimes these two aims contradict one another.

1. The Commission wants to use the European Green Deal to increase wind power's contribution to the energy mix. Will it take this pollution imported from some non-EU countries into account?
2. Will the Commission take its plans for allegedly environmentally responsible infrastructure back to the drawing board?