

**Question for written answer E-000742/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ending of carbon trading

The huge and sudden shock of the coronavirus pandemic and measures to contain it has caused Europe's economy to shrink drastically. According to the World Bank, the European economy shrank by 4.7% in 2020. We are facing the deepest recession since the Second World War, with the largest fraction of economies experiencing declines in per capita output since 1870. The Commission has earmarked EUR 3.07 trillion to cope with the crisis.

In the context of this severe pandemic affecting the whole of Europe, and the looming economic crisis, does the Commission not feel that it should call an end to carbon trading until the economic crisis is over, so as to give businesses room to breathe?