

**Question for written answer E-003739/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Redesigning the European energy market

On Wednesday 21 July 2021, electricity wholesale market prices in Spain reached the record high of EUR 106.57 per megawatt hour. This is not an isolated event, as the price of electricity has experienced a sharp rise in recent weeks, causing great unease among consumers and citizens.

The Spanish Government has absolved itself of responsibility, stating in Parliament that the current electricity market design is in line with European guidelines and arguing that the current marginal market design is not appropriate.

In view of the above:

1. Is the rise in the cost of electricity a function of European guidelines?
2. Have the Spanish authorities, and in particular the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, contacted the Commission to call for the European energy market to be redesigned?