

**Question for written answer E-004066/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rise in electricity prices and combating energy poverty

Prices on the wholesale electricity market in Europe have trebled in the past year, with the rise in the price of natural gas and the purchase of CO₂ emissions rights pushing prices to historic highs. Millions of households have seen their electricity bills rise as a result. Consumers and governments are expressing their concern over this rise in electricity prices, particularly since there is no sign of the implementation of renewable energies producing a more acceptable energy price.

If we want to foster a fair and just energy transition, efficient allocation of resources must be combined with generating prices that will win the public's support for climate policies and ensure that no one is left behind.

1. Does the Commission believe, therefore, that the way energy markets are set up needs to be reviewed in order to ensure a fair and just energy transition?
2. What measures will the Commission take to combat the energy poverty affecting around 11 % of the EU's population (54 million people in the EU)?