Question for written answer E-004669/2021 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Consistency of recent measures to tackle the rise of energy prices with EU internal

energy market measures

On 15 September 2021, the Spanish Government adopted Royal Decree 17/2021, which comprises a series of urgent measures to counter soaring energy bills. The new provisions reduce the revenues of non-emitting plants, notably renewable energy ones, and establish that the excess remuneration will be determined on a monthly basis based on the average price of gas. While many Member States have rightly taken measures to mitigate the impact of the current escalation of energy prices on businesses and consumers, targeting renewables seems to send a very negative signal to the affected companies and contradicts the goals of the European Green Deal and the overall objective of reducing the EU's dependency on non-EU countries.

Is the Commission assessing whether these measures are consistent with EU internal energy market measures?