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to the Commission**

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Subject: Energy crisis

This winter, millions of people around the world – including in the EU – will feel the current state of the European energy crisis and the problems it will pose. This raises a number of questions:

1. One of the consequences of the energy crisis will be rocketing prices. This could become a problem for many people, particularly in winter. What plans are there to help poorer families make ends meet over the winter despite the price increases?
2. The reason for the energy crisis is that there is not enough natural gas. Natural gas is needed because, owing to the phase-out of coal and the increased use of clean energy sources, many households rely on this fuel for their heating. How come consumers now have to pay for the Commission's failed green deal policy and how are they to be compensated for this?
3. Further consequences may include power cuts and the closure of factories. Is the Commission prepared for such eventualities?