

**Question for written answer E-004961/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Rising energy prices

Over the past month, power and natural gas prices in Europe have skyrocketed to new records amid fears over supply. Specifically, electricity, gas and CO₂ prices are rapidly increasing, prompting reactions from both government authorities and European citizens. Examples of this are numerous, proving that these are not isolated events. The energy price crisis is now a widespread phenomenon across Europe.

Under these circumstances, on 13 October, the Commission adopted a communication on energy prices, with the main objective of tackling the rise in global energy prices and helping Europe's people and businesses. The communication includes a toolbox that the EU and its Member States can use to address the immediate impact of current price increases and further strengthen their resilience against future shocks.

In this regard,

1. Can the Commission explain in more detail how this toolbox will help to control rising energy prices?
2. How will the current situation affect the Commission's plan to push forward with its 'Fit for 55' package?
3. Will this crisis lead to a re-shaping of plans for the future of the energy transition?