

**Question for written answer E-005124/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Publication of the draft revised guidelines on state aid in the areas of energy, environmental protection and climate protection

On 2 June 2021 the Commission published its draft revised guidelines on state aid for energy, environmental protection and climate protection. The aim was to improve and revise the guidelines on state aid for environmental protection and energy for the 2014 to 2020 period.

The published proposal restricts exemptions for energy-intensive businesses in the sectors concerned. The changes have an impact on the planning certainty of many companies, and transparency around the rationale and criteria is therefore very important.

1. What is the rationale behind the reduction in the number of sectors covered from 250 to 50?
2. What criteria and methods have been used to determine which sectors will no longer be covered under the revised guidelines?