

**Question for written answer E-005721/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: For a socially equitable climate transition

The Commission's recommendations of 14 December 2021 for limiting the social impact of the ecological transition are, in my opinion, insufficient. The Commission takes decisions on economic issues, yet for social ones, it is content merely to make recommendations. What we are seeing is a double standard, as has also been criticised by the European Trade Union Confederation.

The Commission must take decisive action to manage the socioeconomic consequences of the Green Deal, and not just for the purpose of driving the ecological transformation – because the changes are necessary, provided they are economically sustainable and socially just.

1. I welcome the Commission's forecast that the ecological transition could create one million new jobs in the EU by 2030, and two million by 2050. However, how many jobs does the Commission estimate will be lost as a result of the EU's transition to a climate-neutral economy?
2. Given that the scale of the green transition is beyond the response capacity of national policies, does the Commission intend to exercise its shared powers for the protection of EU citizens, and in a manner that is more consistent than the general policy guidelines, using more responsive and realistic instruments than the Social Climate Fund, which has unreliable funding sources and is not expected to be operational until 2025?