

**Question for written answer E-000874/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Assumptions on CO<sub>2</sub> pricing in the impact assessment report on the Emissions Trading System Directive

In July 2021, the Commission adopted a proposal amending the Emissions Trading System (ETS) Directive.

In impact assessment SWD(2021)601 final the Commission uses the following projected average CO<sub>2</sub> prices to calculate the impact of the proposal, EUR 50 from 2021 to 2030, EUR 45 from 2021 to 2025 and EUR 55 from 2026 to 2030.

In February 2022, prices surged to a new all-time high of over EUR 91, making the average price observed since January 2021 EUR 58, already in excess of the Commission's price assumption in its scenario for the 2021-2025 period.

1. Has the Commission calculated the new effects of these prices in respect of the proposal amending the Directive?
2. Given these prices, is the Commission willing to advocate, in negotiations between Parliament and Council, further measures not considered in its proposals to address the additional costs and keep CO<sub>2</sub> prices within a reasonable, predictable and acceptable range for citizens and economic operators?
3. Does the Commission think it will be necessary to establish a dedicated CO<sub>2</sub>-market-monitoring mechanism?