

**Question for written answer E-000900/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Funding for households to offset increased energy prices

The energy crisis that commenced last year is increasingly giving cause for alarm. Energy prices are constantly rising and consumers, already hit hard by the health crisis and a difficult economic situation, often find themselves unable to pay their bills. While prices vary from one Member State to another, they do not do so in proportion to the purchasing power of the consumers in each. According to Eurostat data, electricity prices expressed in purchasing power standards are highest in Romania.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say how it plans to balance out the major disparities between Member States in terms of affordable energy for household consumers?
2. Do the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 contain any budget entries that can be channelled into direct support for consumers unable to pay their energy bills? What funding is being earmarked for Romania under these budget headings?
3. What measures would the Commission recommend that Romania take to support households faced with rising energy prices?