Question for written answer E-001934/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Guido Reil (ID)

Subject: Wood for Biomass installations

In 2021, Russia earned EUR 13 billion per year – i.e. EUR 366 million per day – with the export of wood used inter alia as fuel in biomass installations. In 2020, energy from renewable sources accounted for 22 % of the energy consumed in the EU, of which 60 % came from biomass, of which more than half was wood. The resulting emissions include 18 million tonnes of  $CO_2$  as well as nitrogen and particulate matter.

- 1. How many million tonnes of wood are incinerated for energy production every year across the EU and what is the amount of emissions generated?
- 2. Are these biomass emissions added to the official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that serve as a reference with regard to the attainment of the goals of the Paris Agreement?
- 3. What amount of subsidies has the Commission granted to date for energy production from biomass, and what amounts have actually been paid out?