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to the Commission
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Subject: The energy crisis and its implications for the European 2030 and 2050 climate goals

By aiming to reduce emissions even more over the next decade, the EU is hoping to guide its economy to the promised climate neutrality by 2050 and lead the global effort to reduce emissions fast enough to avoid the worst impact of climate change.

However, the energy crisis of recent months that has been fuelled by the war in Ukraine has forced several Member States to rethink their plans to abandon fossil fuels. Unfortunately, as a direct consequence of efforts to reduce their dependence on Russian gas, Member States are being forced to turn increasingly to lignite and hard coal.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission plan to investigate the impact of the energy crisis in this respect in a bid to ensure adherence to the EU 2030 and 2050 climate goals?
2. Will it assist Member States in addressing the immediate problem of adequate energy supplies for industry and households?