

**Question for written answer E-003341/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Compensation for the 2007 renewable energy trailblazers

In 2007 the Spanish Government decided to promote renewable energies and published Royal Decree 661/2007. Given the extremely high cost of investing in photovoltaic systems at the time, this royal decree aimed to encourage citizens to invest in this form of energy by establishing certain premiums to compensate their investment at a regulated tariff.

Subsequently, Royal Decree 1565/2010 abolished, with retroactive effect, this reimbursement system after just three years, excluding other systems from such payments and cutting compensation by up to 50%. This led to huge losses and the total ruin of 62 000 families acting as trailblazers in an energy transition which the European Union currently considers vital for its energy independence. These families feel they are the victims of a state-organised scam and that their opportunities to file claims before the Spanish Government have been restricted, given that they did not have access to more impartial, international courts.

1. For those families who trusted a decree published in the Spanish Official Journal, would the Commission have the legal authority to demand that the Spanish Government overturn the retroactive application of this legislation, particularly in a matter as strategically important as that of energy?
2. Can the Commission demand that the State compensate the losses incurred by individuals who based their investments on a legal commitment made by the Spanish Government in 2007?