

**Question for written answer E-001322/2023
to the Council**
Rule 138
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Subject: Seasonal time changes

In autumn 2018, the Commission proposed to abolish seasonal time changes in the EU. The European Parliament supported the Commission's proposal. Since then, the Council has not been able to take a decision on its position for the inter-institutional negotiations regarding this topic. This issue has taken on added importance in light of rising energy prices.

1. Why has the Council still not been able to reach an agreement more than four years after the Commission presented its proposal?
2. What steps has the Council taken to move towards a compromise?
3. In euro per year, what would be the impact of abolishing seasonal time changes on energy prices for EU households and businesses in the event of a permanent adoption of summer time and in the event of a permanent adoption of winter time?

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