

**Question for written answer E-002027/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: VAT Directive and recycling

Recycling and transitioning to a circular economy can promote sustainable business practices and significantly contribute to the EU's environmental goals. One way of supporting recycling and the circular economy is through fiscal measures, such as by introducing a reduced value added tax (VAT) rate for recycled or recyclable products, as proposed by the Czech delegation at the Environment Council meeting of 20 June 2023. However, the VAT Directive¹ as it stands does not provide for such a possibility. Therefore, in light of the Czech delegation's proposal:

1. Does the Commission envisage a revision of the VAT Directive to address this issue?
2. What potential risks and opportunities does it foresee in moving forward with the Czech proposal?

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¹ Council Directive 2006/112/EC of 28 November 2006 on the common system of value added tax (OJ L 347, 11.12.2006, p. 1).