

**Question for written answer E-003723/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

Benoît Lutgen (PPE)

Subject: Electricity market reform agreement

On 17 October 2023, the Council of the European Union reached an agreement on a reform of the electricity market.

The reform aims to make electricity prices less dependent on volatile fossil fuel prices, shield consumers from price spikes, accelerate the deployment of renewable energies and improve consumer protection.

The Council proposed changes focusing on streamlining the procedure in the current capacity mechanism framework. It also asked the Commission to submit a detailed report assessing further possible ways to simplify the process of applying capacity mechanisms. The report would be followed by proposals for simplifying the process three months after the entry into force of the regulation.

In view of the above:

1. Is there a clear timeframe for the publication of this report?
2. Can the Commission outline the vision for the report and the proposals that will be made after the entry into force of the regulation?

Submitted: 19.12.2023