

ORAL QUESTION H-0144/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in March 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Energy problem in the new Member States in eastern Europe

Does the Commission have a specific plan to assist the new Member States in eastern Europe with their growing shortfall in electricity supply?

These countries have seen the closure of dangerous nuclear power stations and face the dismantling of several outdated coal-fired power stations because of much stricter environmental protection requirements. The situation threatens to bring economic growth in many eastern parts of the European Union to a standstill.

Does rich Europe, which has, to a large degree, already dealt with the problems of environmental protection and modernisation of its energy base, wish to remove potential competitors from the market? Or will we support fair internal competition as a means of aiding the development of the European market and its competitiveness in the global economy by helping to solve this problem affecting large parts of Europe?

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