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Subject: Role of nuclear energy in green transition

The nuclear sector accounts for half of EU low carbon energy, with a workforce of one million, a turnover of EUR 102 billion and 109 reactors operating in 15 countries, four more under construction and eight being planned.

It provides the EU with 26% of its energy and accounts for a significant percentage of domestic power generation in many Member States, 18% in Romania for example.

In my opinion, transition towards a climate-neutral economy must therefore take into account the possible contribution of nuclear power in Europe to a post-pandemic green economic recovery. The innovative potential of nuclear technology and its role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions are undisputed.

The Commission should also bear in mind the geostrategic implications of ending EU support for nuclear energy through the Just Transition Fund. Coupled with the abandonment of coal, the exclusion of nuclear power would seriously compromise Union energy security, particularly in Eastern Europe.

In view of this, will the Commission consider treating nuclear energy as a transitional stage on the path towards a more sustainable economic model?