Priority question for written answer P-003761/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU climate package: questions on subsidiarity and publication in official EU languages

On 14 July 2021 the Commission presented its climate package entitled ‘Fit for 55’, which comprises a range of new proposals for directives and regulations. As at 27 July 2021, it seems that the documents in the package still exist only in English. At a presentation for the European Parliament given by DG CLIMA, it was announced that all translations would be available by the beginning of September 2021.

Questions:

1. Is this approach lawful, or should the Commission not wait until all the translations are available before publishing such important documents, on the principle of treating the official languages of the EU equally?

2. Under Article 6 of Protocol (No 2) on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, national parliaments of the Member States may, ‘within eight weeks from the date of transmission of a draft legislative act, in the official languages of the Union, send to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission a reasoned opinion stating why it considers that the draft in question does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity.’ Does the eight-week deadline start when a draft legislative act is published in one of the official languages of the EU or only when it is published in all the official languages of the EU?

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