

**Priority question for written answer P-005505/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Cost of various climate action scenarios

The transition to renewable and green energy is the EU's key task, but the debate is marked by a lack of knowledge about the cost of different models and what the transition cost will be if we fail to give the market a greater role or fail to be sufficiently responsive to climate change.

Denmark has sought to cost different models for achieving climate goals. The choice is between a market-based model that focuses on clear price signals and incentive structures for consumers and businesses, and a grant-based model focusing on subsidies and grant pools. All Member States have an interest in knowing what costs they can expect for the green transition in the future. Important features are missing from the climate debate if we do not have precise estimates of the economic costs of achieving or not achieving Member States' reduction targets.

In the light of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the economic costs for the Union as a whole if the ETS is not extended to include buildings and road transport, and if no price is put on CO₂ emissions?
2. Can the Commission provide an overview of the price differences in Member States to achieve the 55 % reduction target through either a market-based or a regulation-based model?