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to the Commission**
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Subject: Emergency measures for the energy sector

Families and businesses are grappling with a relentless crippling rise in their electricity bills, which are surging to unsustainable levels.

A case in point is the sad tale of a small florist in northern Italy who, in just four months (from May to August), accrued more than EUR 1 500 in electricity consumption debt.

The EU says that it is up to the Member States to introduce measures to support energy consumers – families and businesses alike. In view of this, Italy has decided to grant a tax credit to energy-intensive and non-energy-intensive companies with meter readings of 16.5 kW and above. This measure does not go far enough, however, as it leaves out in the cold all those businesses which, like the florist, have meter readings below the requisite 16.5 kW.

Urgent action is needed in the energy sector – an area in which the EU and Member States share legislative powers.

In view of this, does the Commission intend to propose emergency measures for a universal tax credit to supplement, for example, the EUR 2 billion granted to Italy for the reinsurance of trade credit risk?