

Question for written answer E-015866/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Energy Union

At the European Parliament's plenary sitting on 15 December 2015, a vote was taken on the report, 'Towards a European Energy Union'. The report proposes that the EU's energy policy should be conducted by an Energy Union. Prime concerns expressed in it are combating warming of the climate and promoting the use of sustainable energy carriers.

To what extent is determination of the energy mix (sustainable energy carriers) by the Energy Union compatible with Article 194 TFEU, which reserves for the Member States the power to determine the energy mix?

To what extent is the Energy Union's climate objective compatible with its second objective of ensuring a reliable and affordable (competitive) energy supply for members of the public and industry in the EU?

Can the Commission supply financial figures demonstrating that, under the Energy Union regime, energy costs will be less for each EU citizen than in the present situation, in which Member States themselves determine their energy policies?