Question for written answer E-015004/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Renewables in Spain

The most recent national reform plan to have been submitted to the Commission by the Spanish Government referred to a compliance rate of 17.1%, compared with the 20% renewable energy target to be reached by 2020. Eurostat and the Commission, however, both believe the correct figure to be 15.8%.

One worrying fact is that although the Spanish Government has recognised the need to install 8 537 MW of renewable energy capacity in order to meet the 20% target, its forthcoming tendering procedure covers only 700 MW.

In those circumstances there will be no time to raise the proportion of renewables by the requisite 4.2 points by 2020.

In view of that fact, and bearing in mind that the report on the State of the Energy Union points out that Spain needs to assess whether its policies are sufficient and effective in terms of meeting its renewable energy objectives, does the Commission intend to wait until 2019 to warn of the non-compliance that already looks certain to occur? Alternatively, will it take such preventive measures as might be necessary to ensure that Spain will reach its 20% renewable energy target in 2020?

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