

**Question for written answer E-014858/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Decentralised energy production

The Commission's 'summer package' on energy measures explicitly set out the importance of making energy production increasingly decentralised, with, inter alia, a stronger role for 'prosumers'. However, the scope for prosumers is restricted by underdeveloped networks, overly rigid regulatory provisions and the fact that distribution system operators are under pressure. Basically, the earlier proposals on energy union and on making energy markets more flexible made little mention of distribution system operators.

1. How important does the Commission believe distribution system operators to be in relation to energy union, 'own production' and strengthening the position of prosumers?
2. When it comes to implementing the initiatives proposed in the summer package, what specific measures are planned to support distribution system operators so as to increase the take-up of decentralised and 'own production' energy?
3. What role does the Commission envisage distribution system operators playing in the creation of cross-border regional spot and forward markets?