

**Question for written answer E-015173/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Renewable energy subsidies in cross-border regions

Different Member States provide different levels of support/subsidies for renewable energy sources, which can distort the market, particularly in cross-border regions. A higher subsidy in one Member State can have a detrimental effect on efforts to develop a particular renewable energy source in a neighbouring Member State.

Particularly in light of the effort to integrate European energy policy into the Energy Union, can the Commission outline its view on the diversity among Member States as regards renewable energy subsidies?

In particular, can the Commission shed light on the effect of different subsidy levels in cross-border areas and state whether any action is planned to streamline subsidies to avoid distortion in the market between Member States.