

**Question for written answer E-002202/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Ecology and the energy transition – extending the operation of coal units in Poland

Ecology and the energy transition are very important topics in Poland. As a Member of the European Parliament, it is important to me that the necessary changes in the areas concerned are made in a way that fits in with Poland's specific circumstances and real needs.

Poland's Ministry of Climate and Environment has informed the public that it will be extending the operation of a number of coal units by organising supplementary auctions that are to take place between July 2025 and September 2028. This decision has apparently been provisionally accepted by the Commission.

In this connection:

1. Does the Commission confirm the reports from the Polish Ministry of Climate and the Environment concerning the extension of the operation of coal units?
2. In view of this decision, which is necessary for the Polish economy, can we expect the Green Deal to be comprehensively adapted to bring it into line with the new reality in which the rapid elimination of coal from the energy mix is not possible and what changes is the Commission considering in this regard?
3. Are there plans to reform the ETS2 system? Many experts take the view that the ETS2 system has an adverse impact on the economies of countries such as Poland, placing burdens on companies with high emission costs. If this is the case, what course of change is the Commission considering?

The environment needs to be protected in a sustainable way, with the needs of the economy and the need to ensure energy security being taken into account. I look forward to receiving a detailed reply on this matter.

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