Question for written answer E-003027/2022 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Increased cost of green alternative fuel (LNG)

Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 has provided incentives for many road haulage fleets to embrace the green evolution. Italian transport companies, especially in the province of Bergamo, which are leading the field in Europe regarding the use of green alternative fuel (LNG), have according invested heavily in fleet renewal. However, the cost of LNG has increased from EUR 0.70 to EUR 3.5 per kilogram, placing an incalculable burden on the road haulage sector, so much so that it is now less costly for many companies to keep lorries in the depot rather than on the road.

At the same time, road transport is vital to many European sectors.

In view of this:

- 1. Can the Commission say whether it plans to redeploy the Just Transition Fund and channel more resources into road haulage companies that have invested in green lorries?
- 2. What measures it will take to support the Member States most affected by falling gas imports from Russia?