

Motions

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Title [of the Motion]	EFA calls for electricity price regulation and real energy transition to renewables

EU citizens have been experiencing rising electricity bills during the last months. While many electricity companies are making multi-billion profits, the most vulnerable households are facing exorbitant prices. The price of electricity is marked by different factors that have led to an increase in its cost, among them, the geopolitical control of fuels or situations of oligopoly by energy companies.

According to European regulations, the price of electricity is determined by the most expensive energy that enters the system, in this case gas. This situation has been aggravated by the recent mismatch between natural gas supply and demand, which has led to a stratospheric increase in prices. In this sense, the geopolitical factor is playing a key role. Russia's recent criminal aggression against Ukraine has highlighted Europe's dependence on Russian gas, which until the aggression accounted for 40% of the gas consumed in the EU, while the difficult diplomatic relations between Algeria and Morocco have had the effect of limiting and increasing the price of gas entering through Spain.

Faced with the constraints of geopolitics and big energy companies, the EU needs to move towards energy sovereignty. The massive deployment of renewable energies is a step in this direction, as is the use of zero-kilometer energy. The EU's so-called "strategic autonomy" objective would be strengthened by moving away from the use of fossil fuels. However, the solution does not lie in classifying investments in natural gas or nuclear energy as being compatible with the European Green Deal, as recently announced by the European Commission. Moving towards a green transition is now also an obligation to make the EU's geopolitical stance less dependent on others.

For all these reasons, the parties of the European Free Alliance:

- 1) Reiterate the need to move towards a renewable, decarbonised energy system, with decentralised generation and a democratised energy model with citizen participation in the generation and distribution of energy.
- 2) Call on Member States to put an end to energy oligopolies that exist in some countries, making a real and effective separation of the different activities related with the energy market [generation, transport and commercialization].

3) Demand the European Commission to implement, as a temporary measure, a limit to the maximum price of gas in order to have an immediate impact on industries and households and demand the total decoupling of gas from the electricity pricing system.

4) Urge the European Commission and Member States to implement financial measures to directly help low-income households and micro-enterprises most affected by the rise in electricity prices. However, this support must be targeted to avoid indirectly subsidizing fossil fuels.

5) Calls for an end to multi-billion-dollar subsidies for fossil fuel infrastructure such as gas pipelines and to use this money for the expansion of renewable energy and the modernization of energy efficient buildings.