



To: Members of the European Parliament

Brussels, 3 June 2022

Re: ETS Directive review: time to vote for an EU ETS that accelerates energy independence and fossil power transition

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

On June 8th with your vote, you can demonstrate your willingness to accelerate our fossil fuels independence, improve clean air for citizens and commit to act against the worst climate offenders.

We, the undersigned organizations and networks, representing more than 80 million people in more than 30 European countries, **call on you to vote amendment 289** under the [ETS revision](#) introducing a 250g CO₂eq/KWh GHG performance limit as from 2030 for the largest industrial activities, covered under the Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU).

This amendment will support a coal combustion phase out and redirect fossil gas combustion only to state-of-the-art (efficient combined cycle) gas turbines. The amendment also provides a review clause by 2026 to ensure that requirements set after that period are reviewed in accordance to the “EU Climate Law”.

If carried, it would provide for the following benefits:

- Policy coherence and alignment to the [2019 European Investment Bank lending standards](#)
- Promotion of frontrunners in the power transition
- Avoided GHG emissions of almost 700 million ton/year
- Curtailing fossil gas use away from inefficient power plants and increase fossil gas availability for other hard-to-abate use
- Annual health and environmental damage cost saving due to coal/lignite combustion by €23.3 billion, with a further €7.6 billion annual damage cost saving from fossil gas combustion (Source: <https://beyond-coal.eu/database/> open plants, Gas combustion from <https://eipie.eu/projects/ipdv/> based on 2017 emissions (relates to NO_x and GHG emissions to air only, damage cost of 44€/tCO₂ is assumed)
- Water protection due to reduced water use abstraction and cooling from coal phase out.

The time is now to set the right signals, your voters count on you to walk the EU Green Deal talk.

Thank you for your consideration. We remain at your disposal for further information or questions.

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