

APPEAL
OF THE SEJM OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

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**to the European Commission to undertake systemic measures for the stabilisation
of energy prices to protect all citizens of the European Union countries**

Given the situation caused by Russia's aggression against Ukraine, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, with particular concern for the welfare of citizens, noting the need to protect the climate, maintain stable development of the economy and prevent an increase in unemployment, and considering the numerous measures taken to date at the national level, mainly introducing anti-inflation shields, supporting the heat and gas sectors, introducing shield allowances for Polish citizens, supporting Poles financially in the purchase of energy resources, i.e. coal, heat and other fuel allowances, calls on the European Commission to take systemic measures at the European Union level aimed at stabilising the energy market, taking into account in particular:

- 1) reforming the ETS, which exacerbates the drastic price increase in the energy market, and introducing mechanisms to reduce the price of CO₂ emissions from the current level of around €90 to a maximum of €30 for up to 2 years;
- 2) changing the price formation mechanism on the European Union market, including abandoning the marginal price principle, which raises the aggregate level of electricity prices in the markets of all EU Member States;
- 3) introducing financial support mechanisms for entrepreneurs and local governments in the purchase of energy;
- 4) flexible pricing of goods and services tax for various types of fuel.

In harmonising many areas of the economy over the years, including the energy market, the European Commission has made it an objective to coordinate actions effectively in cases of crisis, and the current situation is one of them.

The current energy prices are hitting the societies and economies of all European countries and have a sizeable impact on the general price rise and, together with other consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, are the leading cause of high inflation.

Therefore, due to the need to protect the citizens of the European Union countries, it is imperative that the European Commission take immediate systemic actions.