

Opinion
of the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee
of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing a Social Climate Fund
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adopted at the sitting held on 23rd November 2021

Taking into account the opinion of the Special Committee on Climate adopted at the sitting held on 3-4 November 2021, the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee delivers the following opinion:

1. The Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee and the Special Committee on Climate (the Committees) support establishing a Social Climate Fund financed by revenue from the Emissions Trading System for road transport and buildings.
2. The Committees welcome the earmarking of 25% of the revenues from the Emissions Trading System for road transport and buildings to support the energy transformation among people experiencing energy poverty.
3. However, the Committees have concerns about the harmonisation at EU level of the definition of energy poverty for the purposes of identifying persons and entities requiring support from the Fund. According to the Committees, this definition should take into account the particularities of the Member States.
4. The Committees believe that the Government should seek to develop other forms of support for the energy transition of households that complement the objectives of the Social Climate Fund.