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Priority question

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SUBJECT: Roll-out of smart electricity meters  
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## TEXT:

After reading the "Report on a survey regarding Interoperability, Standards and Functionalities applied in the large scale roll-out of smart metering in EU Member States", drafted by the European Smart Grids Task Force and the "Slimme meter uitgelezen energie(k)?" report by the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, it appears that for many European consumers, their smart electricity meter causes more costs than benefits.

1. Consumers are unable to take adequate decisions on their consumption if one or more of the recommended functionalities in smart meters are absent. Does the Commission nonetheless believe that one could speak of 'smart meters' regarding all smart electricity meters that have been installed in the EU?
2. Given the limited functionalities of the smart meters, will the Commission foresee a chance to adjust the framework for the out-roll of smart electricity meters by 2020?
3. Does the Commission agree that the differences in the functionalities of smart meters in the Member States hamper the interoperability in the Internal Market?

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