

Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GZS) has once again called on the Government to take urgent action in the face of the sharp rise in energy prices, proposing a series of measures it says need to be taken immediately.

Energy prices have recently seen a sharp rise, both in Slovenia and across the EU.

According to GZS, the consequences will be felt by everyone, households and companies alike, but most of all by the energy-intensive industries.

Among the short-term measures, GZS proposes that the Government should reimburse the indirect costs of emissions, reduce contributions, and temporarily suspend the profits targets of state-owned companies. Regarding the long-term solutions is the proposal to carry out the planned and ongoing projects related to energy efficiency and renewable energy as quickly as possible.

Also, during Slovenia's EU presidency, the Government should insist on the adoption of emergency measures at EU level as soon as possible.

Representatives of energy-intensive industry have been warning for some time about the high rise in energy prices, as the price of electricity has doubled this year, while the price of natural gas has almost tripled.

The Ministry of Economy said earlier that Slovenia will follow the positions of the European Commission, while Minister of Finance Andrej Sircelj said that VAT and excise duties would not be reduced.