

**Question for written answer E-002500/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU requirements regarding mandatory installation of heat meters in housing corporation apartments

My attention has been drawn by a member of the public to a housing corporation in Denmark which, referring to EU regulations, proposes to install digital metering of district heating in all the apartments in its section of a building.

At present, the radiators in these 206 rented apartments are read manually once a year. A few years ago the housing corporation wanted to introduce digital meter-reading, but at that time the management and residents said 'no, thank you', as this would have led to a significant increase in rent.

Now the housing corporation has returned with the same request, stating this time that the residents cannot refuse as it is an EU requirement.

Can the Commission confirm that there are EU rules on the compulsory installation of heating meters in housing corporation apartments?

If so, does the Commission consider that these rules are in conformity with the subsidiarity principle?