

**Question for written answer E-007982/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Reduced VAT rate for the renovation of old public buildings

The renovation of old school and public buildings and the construction of new schools are becoming a matter of urgency in several Member States.

These often dilapidated buildings consume huge amounts of energy. This means it is important to think of less costly energy solutions, if we are to combat climate change and make financial savings.

1. Should the Commission be thinking of ways of supporting and encouraging renovations to improve the energy efficiency of these public and school buildings?
2. Does the Commission think we need a proposal providing for a reduced rate of VAT for the renovation of public and school buildings, when the aim of the renovation is to improve energy efficiency?