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Subject: Addressing energy poverty in Europe

According to the latest study, one in every three households where citizens are unemployed suffers from energy poverty in Spain. Approximately 1.2 million citizens spend more than 10 % of their income on energy bills, making Spain the fourth country in the EU with the most households unable to heat their home to an adequate level, causing an estimated 7 000 premature deaths a year. All the indicators demonstrate an increase in the vulnerability of Spanish households in terms of energy poverty.

In order to fight energy poverty and to guarantee access for all citizens to a minimum standard, a number of structural measures need to be taken to create a new framework for energy policy.

Would the Commission consider creating a European plan that would assure – amongst other policies – the protection of citizens living on the European periphery from energy poverty?