

**Question for written answer E-004836/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Definition of energy poverty in Directive 2010/31/EU and Directive 2012/27/EU

Last year the Commission compiled a study entitled 'Energy poverty and vulnerable consumers in the energy sector across the EU: analysis of policies and measures', which stated that nearly 11% of the EU population are living in energy poverty, the highest percentage being recorded in the countries of south-east Europe (30%). In the third energy package the Commission is calling upon Member States to take responsibility for resolving the energy poverty problem and determining who is most under threat. Many Member States, however, have no definition to identify the most vulnerable consumers. Fewer than a third recognise the concept of energy poverty, and only a handful have an official definition in their national legislation. In December 2015, in its resolution entitled 'Towards a European Energy Union', Parliament called on the Commission to set out the position regarding energy poverty in the EU.

1. Will the Commission put forward a position on energy poverty including a definition of that term?
2. Will it amend Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings and Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency for the purpose of defining energy poverty?