

**Question for written answer E-005742/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Renewable energy

Today, 1.1 billion people still lack access to electricity and 2.9 billion people lack access to modern cooking methods. To increase access, decentralised renewable energy is key, for which USD 23 billion extra investment per year is needed according to the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Research from the Think Thank IIED and the NGO Hivos shows that only three per cent of international climate funds have targeted decentralised energy projects, compared with 40 per cent of funds going to the energy sector, most of which are being spent on large-scale grid-based electricity in middle-income countries. This is just 0.2 per cent of the USD 23 billion that is needed per year for financing decentralised energy, thereby missing the opportunity to target both climate change and development.

1. How can the Commission guarantee that decentralised renewable energy is being targeted in its policies and funding in order to realise SDG 7 and the Agenda for Change policy on access for all people to secure, affordable, clean and sustainable energy?
2. How is the Commission encouraging funding flows to off-grid energy projects and the local private sector and removing barriers in accordance with recommendations?
3. What will the Commission do to support international financial institutions, including the Green Climate Fund, make the changes that are needed?