

**Question for written answer E-006664/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject:     Craftsmen working on energy efficiency projects

One of the fields involved in combating climate change is the reduction of energy consumption of Member States, for example by improving the energy efficiency of buildings and reducing energy loss from different types of buildings - residential, buildings for purposes other than residential purposes, schools, hospitals etc.

The number of projects which address the energy efficiency of buildings is still insufficient to achieve the objective mentioned, especially with regard to the housing of elderly people, persons with low incomes or single-parent families, families from a rural environment.

On the other hand, projects of this type are important for the economies of Member States given that local employment is mostly involved - craftsmen and professionals from specific fields required for this type of work.

How does the Commission intend to support the programmes of Member States in this field, especially with regard to the permanent training of craftsmen and their retraining towards for services of this type, exchange of best practices in the field and encouraging young people in entrepreneurship projects in the field?