

**Question for written answer E-001202/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Improving energy use and insulation in buildings

Efficient energy use and insulation can help maximise the potential of scarce energy resources, with improved energy efficiency helping to cut fossil fuel consumption.

Much of Europe's building stock, however, is poorly insulated: energy is not being used efficiently enough. This is the case in buildings in northern Europe, where there is still room for improvement when it comes to insulating against the cold, but it is particularly relevant as regards the building stock in the southern Member States, where insulation is needed against both the cold, in winter, and the heat, in summer.

Does the Commission agree that more can be done to optimise energy efficiency – including via insulation – in Europe's buildings?

What is the Commission doing to draw attention to the issues relating to improving energy efficiency and insulating buildings against heat in the south and cold in the north?

Looking to the future, what is the Commission going to do to ensure that Europe's building stock is as energy-efficient as possible?