

**Question for written answer E-001942/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Accounting for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the use of firewood for heating

The Commission proposed in July 2016 that emissions from firewood used for heating be accounted for as part of the EU targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions for the period 1990-2030.

However, the use of firewood for domestic heating is far from being the main source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. It comes after transport, industry, fuel oil heating and gas heating on the list.

Besides this, the use of firewood for heating, which is widespread in Europe, can help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, in that sustainable forestry management means that more trees are planted than are felled. The more trees, the more CO<sub>2</sub> is captured.

What is more, the leaves on certain newly-planted trees can also capture up to two-thirds of airborne particles, which offsets emissions of such particles when the wood is burned. Burning firewood is therefore a relatively sustainable form of heating.

Does the Commission really intend to account for emissions from the burning of firewood, as being among the emissions to be reduced?