

**Question for written answer E-004787/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Renovation Wave initiative

Part of the European Green Deal is a buildings policy initiative called the Renovation Wave. Support under the Renovation Wave initiative should act as an incentive for investments in projects which are important in terms of the public interest.

The initiative may have a direct impact on the people living in the buildings, as in theory it should bring benefits in terms of living conditions and lower costs from a reduced demand for energy supplied to the buildings.

Skilful implementation of the strategy as outlined thus far could be an opportunity to increase employment in the construction sector.

Investing in the energy efficiency of buildings can be a driving force for creating and maintaining local jobs.

The main barriers to the implementation of comprehensive thermal modernisation are: (1) diversification of the property market structure, where each sector has its specificities resulting from the funding model adopted, the average value of investments and the timeframe for assessing the economic benefits; (2) transaction costs in connection with the need to prepare the concept, design, valuation, technical documentation and loan applications.

1. Does the Commission intend to extend the scope of this initiative to all existing building types (residential and commercial)?
2. Will gas technologies operating with the available gas infrastructure be included in the initiative's terms of reference?