The Honourable Member refers to the situation of persons who have been displaced internally within their own country, which is a matter that falls within the competence of individual Member States. The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and relevant legislation provide for a common policy for third-country nationals who seek international protection in an EU Member State and thus are not applicable in this situation. Cyprus settlement negotiations, including as they relate to internally displaced persons, are conducted by the leaders of the two communities in Cyprus under the auspices of the United Nations. The EU remains fully committed to a settlement and supports the efforts towards the resumption of negotiations.

On 14 October 2020, the Commission published the Communication “A Renovation Wave for Europe”1, aiming to at least double renovation rates in the next ten years and making sure renovations lead to higher energy and resource efficiency. Particularly relevant are the Recovery and Resilience Plans and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)2, which can be used to support renovations leading to enhanced energy and resource efficiency. In line with the European Flagship “Renovate”3 as outlined in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 20214, the Commission has provided guidance to Member States on some example reforms and investments that could be used for the national Recovery and Resilience Plans.

Under the shared management principle, Member States are responsible for the implementation of ESIF programmes. In Cyprus, the Operational Programme “Competitiveness and sustainable development 2014-2020” provides for assistance to households for energy efficiency, which is also a priority in the next programming period. The selection of projects is a national competence.

2 The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)
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