

**Question for written answer E-006486/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Raising awareness during the renovation wave of the dangers of asbestos

In its communication of 14 October 2020 on a renovation wave for Europe, the Commission stresses the need to protect workers from exposure to asbestos, including through appropriate training in accordance with Directive 2009/148/EC¹.

In 2019, the European Economic and Social Committee stressed, among other things, the importance of training and awareness raising on the dangers of asbestos during renovation works for anyone who might come into contact with it. In addition, existing training requirements and provisions in many Member States are reported to be insufficient to provide adequate protection for workers².

1. What measures will the Commission take to improve the training and awareness of workers on asbestos-related risks in the context of the renovation wave?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect others who may come into contact with asbestos during renovations, such as DIY enthusiasts?

¹ COM(2020) 662 final, p. 17.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52018IE4791&from=EN,%20nrs.%204.4%20%E2%80%93%204.5>.