

**Question for written answer E-006972/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financing of energy efficiency in residential buildings under the new MFF and the RRF

The ECA recently assessed whether EU co-funded energy efficiency investments in buildings had been cost-effective in helping the EU towards achieving its 2020 energy saving target. The ECA concluded that the operational programmes and the project selection were not driven by a cost-effectiveness rationale.¹ At the same time, the Commission's objective is to at least double the energy renovation rate of buildings by 2030.²

In the context of the negotiations with the Member States on allocations under the new MFF and RRF, can the Commission indicate:

1. What broad guidelines and recommendations it will provide the Member States as regards the planning, selection and monitoring of projects to fund energy efficiency in residential buildings?
2. Whether, when assessing the projects, points-based criteria will be used that trigger payment of a higher grant component, at a ratio that is cost effective in terms of the non-repayable amount invested in the smart and in-depth renovation of buildings as compared to the greater energy savings?
3. What main sources of co-funding it will approve for investment projects to improve the energy efficiency of residential buildings (be these single-occupant or multi-occupant)?

¹ Special Report No 11/2020 of the European Court of Auditors pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 287(4) TFEU;

² https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/eu_renovation_wave_strategy.pdf