

**Question for written answer E-003286/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Climate Action Social Fund

On 9 June 2021, the Commission announced plans to introduce a 'Climate Action Social Fund' to support vulnerable households if energy prices soar due to an emission trading scheme (ETS) for buildings and transport. As we know, an ETS in these sectors could cause large energy price increases for millions of Europeans who already live in energy poverty and are unable to pay their energy bills. At the same time, we desperately require significant funding to ensure that the renovation wave meets its ambition to provide subsidised renovations for the poorest in society. Efforts should be concentrated on low-carbon investment to bring down the cost of heating bills permanently, also bringing with it the full benefits of energy efficiency and decarbonisation, and reducing the need for ongoing income or energy bill support.

1. How much funding will the Climate Action Social Fund have available to remedy the distributional impact of the ETS for buildings and transport and help low-income groups?
2. What will be the substance of and implementation plan for this fund? For instance, will it deliver low-income renovation programmes to cut energy bills or provide subsidised renewable technology?