

**Question for written answer E-004855/2021  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Energy crisis

Everything moves very quickly in the 21st century and we can see on a daily basis the benefits of technologies that are continuing to develop rapidly. Despite this, however, poverty remains a pressing issue – even in the European Union. In some countries, part of the population are unable to heat their own homes. In Bulgaria, in 2020, 27% of the population were in this situation, as were 23.1% in Lithuania and 20.9% in Cyprus. Energy poverty affects tens of millions of European citizens every year.

This year the situation is even worse, given the exceptional increase in global energy prices. This is all the more worrying considering that winter is just ahead.

1. Can the Commission therefore describe the steps being taken to counter energy poverty?
2. What measures has the Commission adopted, or is it considering, to support European countries and citizens during this crisis which has triggered the sharp rise in energy prices?