

**Question for written answer E-000879/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The 'renovation wave' and delays in municipal licencing procedures

In its communication entitled 'A Renovation Wave for Europe'¹, the Commission states that the renovation of buildings can be a slow process 'due to regulatory obstacles and lacking capacity in public administrations'.

In the same communication, the Commission points out that it 'will advise and support Member States to plan and implement ambitious measures for renovation' and that it 'will present a comprehensive set of policy and regulatory actions to break down existing barriers holding back renovation'. The Commission is also committed to working closely with local and municipal authorities to achieve the goals of the 'renovation wave'.

In Spain, the authorities in municipalities such as Vigo, Ferrol and Lugo take up to a year to grant renovation permits, or permits allowing the occupation of buildings once they have been renovated. The Galician Government has reported that these delays are blocking its housing renovation policy².

1. Does the Commission take the view that the fact it takes up to a year to grant municipal building renovation permits hampers the objectives of the 'renovation wave for Europe'?
2. How will the Commission work with the municipal authorities in Galician and other cities to ensure that long, drawn-out administrative procedures do not hamper the renovation of buildings?

¹ COM(2020)0662

² <https://www.lavozdeg Galicia.es/noticia/galicia/2022/02/09/fejooacusa-alcaldes-psoe-bng-bloquear-politica-vivienda-retrasar-licencias/00031644400849443240930.htm>.