

**Question for written answer E-003764/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU support for people affected by energy poverty

Improving the energy efficiency of buildings is one of the priorities of the European Green Deal. The current energy crisis and soaring prices have once again highlighted the importance of action in this regard. This is a problem primarily affecting social groups who were already struggling with energy poverty, estimated to be up to 10% of Polish households, with the number growing steadily. Given these circumstances, there is a need for the EU and the Member States to step up action in the area of energy efficiency of buildings, with a focus on housing. This will require appropriate financial instruments to ensure that the action also includes the EU's poorest citizens.

In this connection:

1. In which programmes – apart from RePowerEU – does the Commission envisage projects to address the energy crisis and energy efficiency measures, especially in the context of groups most vulnerable to energy poverty?
2. Given the problems with the launch of the National Recovery Programme in Poland, under which EUR 3.8 billion was to be allocated to actions in the Clean Air group, including improving the energy efficiency of buildings, does the Commission see possibilities for funding these projects from other sources?

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