

Question for written answer E-004061/2022
to the Commission
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Subject: 'Safe Gas for a Safe Winter' initiative

The war against Ukraine has painfully highlighted the importance of rapidly achieving independence from fossil fuels. The Commission 'Safe Gas for a Safe Winter' initiative highlights the need to reduce gas dependency and sets out a clear plan of action to achieve this.

The Commission's new REPowerEU programme accordingly contains a number of ambitious targets for the use of heat pumps as a possible means of achieving a major reduction in gas dependency. However, in order to achieve these targets, twice as many new heat pumps would need to be installed over the next five years.

1. Can the Commission say how it plans to step up the manufacture and use of heat pumps?
2. To what extent have the various Commission directorates-general and policy departments coordinated their actions under the REPowerEU programme?
3. Has the Commission carried out a preliminary assessment of the impact of its measures on heat pump manufacturers?

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