

**Question for written answer E-002864/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fluorinated gases and heat pumps

The RePowerEU Plan foresees the large-scale installation of heat pumps in the EU to electrify certain heating uses currently covered by fossil fuels. In parallel, the negotiations on the proposal for a Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases (COM (2022) 150) are moving towards the introduction of further restrictions and prohibitions.

Further restrictions and bans on certain fluorinated gases, especially HFOs which are present in almost all heat pumps, may run counter to the RePowerEU Plan. It is necessary to ensure that heat pumps can be purchased at competitive prices and be refilled with the same gases.

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the fluorinated gases needed to refill heat pumps are available on the market?
2. What impact will new restrictions and bans have on the new action plan on heat pumps that the Commission intends to adopt?

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