

**Priority question for written answer P-003654/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Survey on Europeans' attitudes to air quality

In a survey on Europeans' attitudes to air quality, respondents were asked what actions they had taken to reduce (harmful) emissions. A possible answer was 'You have changed your home heating system from a higher- emission system (e.g. coal, oil or wood-fired) to a lower one (natural gas, pellets, electricity, solar, etc.)'¹.

The wording suggests that wood-fired heating is worse than gas heating.

1. On the basis of what facts does the Commission classify 'higher emission heating systems ' and 'lower emission heating systems'?
2. Does the Commission take account of the prior environmental performance (e.g. the ability to store carbon dioxide) of the various fuels when classifying heating?
3. Why is the Commission trying to motivate the EU population to switch to gas heating, especially in the current uncertain times (Russian war of aggression, volatile supply chains, rapidly rising inflation, etc.)?

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¹ <https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/api/deliverable/download/file?deliverableId=84302>