

**Priority question for written answer P-000632/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Heat Pump Action Plan and the Commission's decision to postpone its publication to the end of 2024

Contrary to the announcement that the action plan would be published following the agreement reached on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, it has now been postponed until the end of 2024 under the new Commission. This postponement is a step in the wrong direction and therefore I ask for clarification:

1. Clear direction and political support from the EU level is needed for the sector as well as citizens and national policy in times when national governments are cutting back their ambitions and support. Why did the Commission decide to postpone this action plan on a technology that is key for decarbonising the heating and cooling sector?
2. The heat pump sector is a strong European sector with at least 60 % of the heat pumps sold in Europe also produced in Europe. Maintaining high ambition on the Green Deal is the only way to keep Europe competitive. How is the Commission planning to do so for the heat pump sector while delaying the heat pump action plan?
3. We have seen heat pump sales declining in the past months, so demand is reducing. It is important to convince citizens by using a positive narrative on the Green Deal and on heat pumps specifically. How is the Commission planning to make decarbonising heating attractive for citizens and create a positive narrative?

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