

**Question for written answer E-003008/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU geothermal strategy

Geothermal energy is a valuable and local source of renewable energy that can be used as an important alternative and sustainable renewable energy source for both heating and electricity generation in the EU. Taking into account that geothermal energy has the potential to be a sustainable and cost-effective energy source for the EU due to its low operating costs, it is our duty to explore and make use of its potential.

Parliament, in its resolution on geothermal energy of 18 January 2024¹, as well as in numerous policy recommendations, has already called for an EU geothermal strategy to be presented by the Commission. On 16 December 2024, the Council approved its conclusions on the promotion of geothermal energy in which it calls for a faster deployment of geothermal energy and for the Commission to prepare a European geothermal action plan and to set up a European geothermal alliance.

In this context, and considering the goal of giving concrete guidance to Member States and local administrations on how the deployment of geothermal energy can be accelerated while securing easier access to financing, when is the Commission planning to present an EU geothermal strategy and a dedicated European geothermal action plan?

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¹ European Parliament resolution of 18 January 2024 on geothermal energy (2023/2111(INI)), OJ C, C/2024/5738, 17.10.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/5738/oj>.