

Question for written answer E-000748/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Absence of a new EU heating and cooling strategy

Bearing in mind that the most recent EU heating and cooling strategy dates back to 2016 and that solar thermal energy technology is developed and produced in the EU, providing European industry and agricultural production with cheap and green thermal energy that is not dependent on geopolitical and economic developments and allows for lower household energy bills and CO₂ emissions in buildings, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it plan to present a new heating and cooling strategy as part of its targets for reducing emissions by 90 % by 2040 and for improving energy security and reducing energy costs, finally leading to a ‘Made in Europe’ solar industry that will boost the EU’s competitiveness?
2. What measures does it intend to put forward as part of the Clean Industrial Deal, so that Europe’s dynamic solar thermal energy system manufacturing industry can continue to grow despite – often unfair – international competition, avoiding the mistakes that doomed European solar panel production in the previous decade?

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