

**Question for written answer E-002643/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Disproportionate impact of EU building renovation rules on homeowners

The revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive will force millions of homeowners to undertake costly renovations. These one-size-fits-all rules place a massive financial burden on ordinary citizens, especially in countries such as Germany where home ownership is high¹.

Such green regulations, driven by ideological goals, risk deepening social inequality and eroding public trust in the EU.

1. How does the Commission plan to protect homeowners from the heavy financial burden imposed by mandatory renovation obligations in the revised directive?
2. Has the Commission assessed the social impact of these measures on middle- and low-income citizens, particularly in Member States with high rates of private home ownership?
3. Will the Commission introduce exemptions, support schemes or national flexibility to avoid backlash and further disconnect between EU policies and citizens?

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¹ British journalists have started to think about the new UK Energy Performance Certificates, based on EU Directives (<https://bebeez.eu/2025/06/17/are-epcs-destined-to-fail>).