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to the Commission
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Subject: Addressing problems in the implementation of the ‘Changing My Heating System and Water Heater’ programme

On 4 September, the Greek Solar Industry Association (EBHE) presented data on the unjustified delay, leading to the cancellation of the implementation of the ‘Changing My Heating System and Water Heater’ programme, which is part of the Recovery and Resilience Fund and includes expenditure of EUR 148 800 000 for 120 000 vulnerable beneficiary households.

In this context, it should be taken into account that the use of a solar water heater leads to a 30 % saving in terms of total household electricity consumption. In addition, purely Greek and European raw materials and technology are used, while the relevant sector in Greece employs 5 000 workers in 25 companies, which are among the best in the world. Finally, the delay in the programme is causing a 50 % reduction in business production and redundancies of skilled personnel.

What measures will the Commission therefore take:

1. to address the Greek Government's delays, which are turning a Recovery Fund programme into a means of crushing a hitherto thriving European green industry?
2. to protect vulnerable Greek households, which are held hostage awaiting the implementation of the programme?
3. to ascertain whether the delays observed in relation to the EU's objectives, rules and current timetable are due to the Ministry's rumoured intention to assign energy saving programmes to energy providers (i.e. to oligopolies that profit from increased energy consumption)?

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