

Question for written answer E-004373/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Implementation of Article 10 of Directive (EU) 2024/1275 on the energy performance of buildings

Article 10 of the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, which deals with the promotion of solar energy in buildings, gives equal treatment to technologies relating to photovoltaic and solar thermal systems. However, the application of Article 10 risks a biased promotion of photovoltaic systems to the detriment of solar thermal systems. This has already become apparent in some Member States, such as Germany, where the name of the so-called ‘PV-Pflicht’ (obligation to install photovoltaic systems) gives a false impression to citizens.

This practice fails to give due attention to the considerable advantages of solar thermal systems, which are more efficient and, unlike photovoltaics, do not need investment in storage and access to electricity grids (which are already saturated and require high cost investments). They are also manufactured within the EU and entail a myriad of positive effects for jobs, economic growth and Europe’s autonomy.

The European Union must ensure that the energy transition is not limited to a single technology.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. What measures will it take to prevent situations where photovoltaics are favoured over solar thermal systems?
2. How will the provision of Article 10, which requires Member States to ‘take into account the issues linked to the stability of the electricity network’ in their application thereof be implemented in practice?

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