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Subject: Adapting EU energy performance policies in the light of extreme heat episodes

Extreme heat episodes are growing in frequency throughout the EU and now pose a major risk to public health, particularly for elderly people, children, hospitalised patients and people with disabilities.

The Commission claims that it wants to protect Europeans from the effects of climate change. However, many building stakeholders, local and regional authorities and healthcare institutions believe that certain EU rules on the energy performance of buildings and the regulation of cooling equipment make it more difficult or costly to install cooling systems, including in schools, hospitals and institutions for the elderly.

1. How will the Commission ensure that decarbonisation goals do not undermine Member States' ability to protect their populations effectively from the health risks associated with intense heat?

2. Does it intend to propose changes to ensure that Member States have the requisite flexibility to equip schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly and other critical buildings with cooling solutions where they are necessary to protect public health?

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