

To The President of the European Parliament

Roberta Metsola

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Dear Roberta,

I hope you have had a good summer-break! During the last weeks and months we have seen a dramatic situation in our climate: shortage of rain, drought everywhere, empty rivers, disappearance of snow on the mountains, very high temperatures etc. At the same time: high energy costs, less gas available etc.

In all the EU-countries citizens are obliged to do whatever possible to reduce their climate-impact. So my question is: what does the European Parliament do?! Since we have working facilities at three places (Brussels; Luxembourg and Strasbourg) the ecological footprint of our Parliament is very large. All these buildings require electricity, heating, cooling etc., even when they are not or almost not used.

Of course I know about the discussions on the Single Seat etc. and the obligations of the Treaties. So to have a Single Seat unfortunately is not possible. But: what could be done? Has it already been investigated what we could do to reduce our ecological footprint and our energy-consumption (given the obligations of the Treaties)?

Is it for example possible to:

Fully shut down the Strasbourg-building when we are not there? Redirect the energy-consumption in all our buildings in such a way that between 21 - 05 hours this consumption is at level zero or near to that? Have the Brussels-staff and -APA's work at home during the Strasbourg-sessions and bring the energy-consumption in the Brussels-buildings to zero or near to that in those weeks?

In general: can we have a Working-group to find measures **before January 2023 to implement measures** to reduce our ecological footprint and to reduce our energy-consumption?

Very best wishes,

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