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Dear Reader,

Access to decent, affordable, and sustainable housing is one of Europe's most pressing issues, affecting citizens' well-being, the competitiveness of our economies and our cohesion. The reasons behind this crisis are complex and varied. Not only socio-demographic changes impact the housing demand but also phenomena such as the financialisation of the market and the spread of short-term rentals. On the other hand, supply is under mounting pressure from the challenges facing the construction and renovation sectors. These complex dynamics, along with the financing needs, have been at the core of the work carried out by the Special Committee on the Housing Crisis in the EU (HOUS) in recent months.

The Policy Department has been supportive in the research it's been undertaking. This month, two of the first publications focus on short-term rentals, analysing their impact on affordable housing and the role of the EU on the matter.



The HOUS committee looks forward to presenting the conclusions of its deliberations in its final report, and contributing to a strategic EU affordable housing approach.

Irene TINAGLI,

Chair of the Special committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union

The regulatory aspects of short-term rentals in the EU

HOUS Policy Department for Transport, Employment and Social Affairs

This briefing discusses the impacts of STRs on access to affordable housing. It reviews the variety of STR regulations and the challenges to their implementation. It highlights the role that EU legislation plays in influencing the regulation of both STRs and the digital platforms that advertise them.



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Legal developments on short-term rental accommodations in the European Union

HOUS Policy Department for Transport, Employment and Social Affairs

This briefing discusses the reactions of Member States to the CJEU ruling in the Cali Apartments SCI case that recognised combatting the rental housing shortage as a 'reason relating to the public interest', justifying proportionate STR measures.



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ECON-related priorities of the Danish Presidency

ECON Economic Governance and EMU Scrutiny Unit

This briefing provides an overview of the Danish Presidency's priorities in ECON matters, including the Council's work relating to the implementation of the European Semester for economic coordination, the application of the Recovery and Resilience Facility and other policy streams relevant to the EU single market, notably progress on the Banking Union and the Capital Markets Union.

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The implementation of Basel III: progress, divergence and policy challenges

ECON Economic Governance and EMU Scrutiny Unit

This briefing provides an overview of the global implementation of the Basel III regulatory framework for banks. It provides an overview using information from the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and compares the progress made in the EU, US and UK.

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Methodology for assessing greenhouse gas emissions savings from low-carbon fuels

ITRE Policy Department for Transformation, Innovation and Health

This analysis aims to support the ITRE Committee in its scrutiny right regarding the draft Delegated Act establishing the methodology for assessing greenhouse gas emissions savings from low-carbon fuels. Key questions comprise prices, market impact and emission savings.

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The Next Steps for European Economic Security. Lessons learned from Chinese Economic Coercion

ITRE Policy Department for Transformation, Innovation and Health

This study compares Chinese data regulations with the corresponding EU regulations, with a particular emphasis on the impact of cross-border data transfer restrictions, data protection measures, and associated compliance requirements on EU companies operating in China.

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Just Transition In The World Of Work

EMPL Policy Department for Transport, Employment and Social Affairs

This paper identifies key enablers, gaps and policy mechanisms to support the Just Transition in creating quality jobs, promote inclusive economic transformation and support local communities. It analyses how different elements of governance arrangements, financing tools and stakeholder participation shape reskilling, job quality and inclusion.

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The multiannual plan for the Baltic Sea – A change in management needed

PECH Policy Department for Regional Development, Agriculture and Fisheries

This analysis shows why the Baltic Sea multiannual plan failed to restore depleted cod and herring stocks, and recommends improvements for more effective, regionally adapted future fisheries management in the Baltic Sea.

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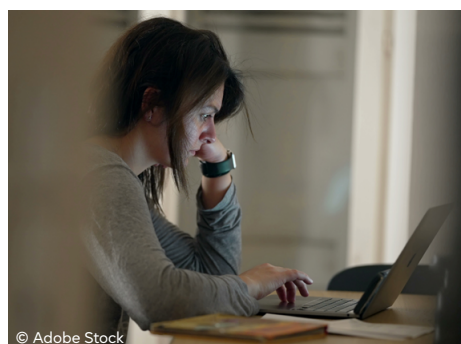
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Artificial Intelligence and Civil Liability

JURI Policy Department for Justice, Civil Liberties and Institutional Affairs

This study critically analyses the EU's evolving approach to regulating civil liability for artificial intelligence systems. The study advocates for a strict liability regime targeting high-risk systems, structured around a single responsible operator and grounded in legal certainty, efficiency, and harmonisation.

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The effect of gender pay and pension gaps as well as new ways of working on women's mental health

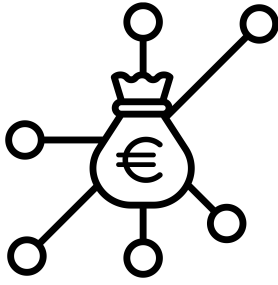
FEMM Policy Department for Citizens, Equality and Culture

This study examines how structural labour market inequalities affect women's mental health in the EU. It highlights the gender pay and pension gaps and new forms of work as drivers of poorer well-being among women. The study identifies fragmented policy responses and recommends coordinated, genderresponsive action across labour, health and gender equality domains.

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Mapping the current structure and discovering the potential of 'other revenue'

BUDG Budgetary Support Unit

This study provides an overview of other revenue and its current and potential future relevance in the EU revenue system. It maps the different categories of other revenue and presents their development over time, discussing several options to strengthen the role of other revenue.

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Error rates compared – Methodologies underpinning the European Commission's risk at payment/closure and the European Court of Auditors' estimated level of error

CONT Budgetary Support Unit

The study introduces the different estimates of the level of error affecting EU expenditure in cohesion policy, explaining how the Commission calculates the estimated 'risk at payment' and 'at closure', how the European Court of Auditors calculates the 'estimated level of error' and how the two methodologies differ.

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Environmental human rights defenders

DROI External Policies Analysis and Support Unit

This paper reviews legal and policy developments on Environmental Human Rights Defenders, covering global obligations, EU tools, and international cooperation. It highlights key breakthroughs, risks of regression, and offers EU-focused recommendations to safeguard EHRDs' rights.

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Future outlook of EU-Moldova trade and investment relations

INTA External Policies Analysis and Support Unit

This study examines EU-Moldova trade and investment ties, shaped by geopolitical tensions like Russian interference and the Transnistria conflict. It analyses key agreements, sectoral dynamics, the impact of the war in Ukraine, and Moldova's EU accession process and Growth Plan.

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DG IUST

Permanent system for allocation of seats / October–November 2025

AFCO Policy Department for Justice, Civil Liberties and Institutional Affairs

Gender inequalities in medical research, drug development and access to care / November 2025

FEMM Policy Department for Citizens, Equality and Culture

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Smart conditionality in practice: exploring legality, feasibility and implementation / November 2025

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Comprehensive external expertise product on EU sanctions and Russia's frozen assets / November 2025

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DG ECTI

Analysis of the results of the EP public consultation on women's health

SANT Policy Department for Transformation, Innovation and Health

Date: **5–6 November 2025**

DG BUDG

Financing industrial policy and competitiveness in the post-2027 MFF

BUDG Budgetary Support Unit

Date: **January 2026**

DG EXPO

The role of EU development cooperation in addressing irregular migration in Africa

DEVE External Policies Analysis and Support Unit

Date: **16 October 2025**

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