

**Priority question for written answer P-000688/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Priority for Europeans in access to housing in the light of rises in poor housing and homelessness

Recent reports by the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless paint an alarming picture of poor-quality housing in Europe getting worse. A million people are reported to be homeless, while 19.2 million live in unsafe housing. Although the EU has taken a number of initiatives in that area, policy responses have still not been able to curb the crisis, which affects, first and foremost, Europeans facing hardship.

At the same time, significant sums are invested through public policies into putting up newly arrived immigrants in specific accommodation facilities. This state of affairs calls into question what the priorities are with regard to housing and social assistance.

1. To what extent does the Commission consider Member State policies to combat poor housing and homelessness effective, particularly for Europeans facing hardship?
2. Does it have an assessment of the impact of EU funds allocated to social housing and emergency accommodation, in particular, as regards the balance between Europeans facing hardship and new immigrants?
3. Does it intend, with a view to combating homelessness and poor housing effectively, to encourage Member States to reserve a minimum share of social housing and emergency aid for Europeans?

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