

**Question for written answer E-002216/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Financing for the expansion and renovation of public housing stock

The housing crisis is taking on increasingly worrying proportions.

Large swathes of the population have trouble finding affordable housing, whether to buy or rent. Although the problem is more acute for people with money difficulties, it also affects the middle classes, and it is worse in large towns and cities and those with greater tourism pressure.

These difficulties are the product of policies involving liberalising the sector, catering to property funds and speculation, granting privileges to tourism and devaluing housing for residential purposes, precarious rental conditions, shunning the role of the state and eradicating its intervention in a number of aspects of the sector, including by providing next to no public investment.

Taking into account that the Commission's references to this problem have been few and far between and too vague:

1. Does it believe that additional dedicated EU funding needs to be established and made available to Member States so that they can expand and renovate public housing stock, tackle property speculation and uphold the right to decent, affordable housing for all?
2. What means, including financial, does the Commission believe should be harnessed to give effect to national policies designed to achieve those objectives?

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