

**Question for written answer E-002995/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: New Commission portfolio dedicated to housing and implications for Member State and local authority competences

The fact that a dedicated housing portfolio has been established in the Commission illustrates how important the issue is becoming at EU level. The question, especially when it comes to challenges such as the housing shortage and the need for sustainable and social construction projects, is how exactly the EU can exercise its role and responsibilities without encroaching on national and local competences.

1. How will the Commission help local authorities provide affordable housing without encroaching on existing national and local competences in doing so?
2. What mechanisms will be put in place to ensure that EU investment in housing does not distort the market further through speculation and that it actually benefits the people?
3. What is the Commission's assessment of the impact of migration on the housing market, in particular as regards the surge in demand for affordable housing, and what targeted policy measures will it take to address these challenges?

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