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Subject: Housing emergency in Italy for vulnerable groups and students

In Italy, a worsening housing emergency is severely affecting vulnerable households, individuals with disabilities, people struggling socio-economically and university students. Despite the use of EU resources (National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)), many municipalities are reporting delays to public housing and urban regeneration projects, with particularly serious effects in the south.

At the same time, the right to study is being severely undermined by the high cost of renting: in the main Italian university cities, average rent for a single room exceeds EUR 600, making attending university increasingly less accessible to people from low-income families.

In the light of these problems:

1. What is the state of play of the NRRP-funded university housing programme and what steps have been planned to ensure it has been implemented in full by June 2026?

2. What steps will be taken to ensure that European Investment Bank and cohesion policy funds have a tangible impact on housing supply in towns and cities experiencing high housing pressure, and is a social impact assessment being planned?

3. Why are municipalities not fully involved in the affordable housing initiative decision-making processes, and will their operational and financial role be stepped up?

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