

**Question for written answer E-002783/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EU support for students' mental health and living conditions

According to the study 'Living Situations of Higher Ed Students' (2023), conducted on 1 670 students from 22 university cities in Romania, students' mental health and housing problems have increased alarmingly.

78.4 % of students reported an increase in stress and anxiety, while 9.8 % said they had contemplated suicide in the past year. Around one third had difficulties paying their rent and for utility services, while 37.3 % lived in heavily built-up areas. Around a half had been mentally affected by rising energy costs and many had to cope with verbal abuse, online bullying and harassment.

These problems directly affect the the quality of life, access to education and chances of social integration of young Europeans. These concerns need to be urgently reflected in EU policies and in the dialogue with Member States.

Given these circumstances:

1. What measures does the Commission have for supporting the creation of integrated programmes combining affordable housing and mental health services that can meet students' needs?
2. How will these priorities be reflected in future EU recommendations and funding programmes dedicated to youth and higher education?

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