

**Question for written answer E-002777/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Proportionate implementation of EU short-term rental registration rules

The Irish Government has announced plans to introduce what it describes as the ‘most stringent’ short-term rental (STR) regulations in the EU, including linking registration to planning compliance, before reliable data on the sector has been collected and assessed. Given that the EU STR Regulation on data collection for short-term accommodation rentals has just been enforced and is intended to improve transparency and support evidence-based policymaking, and given concerns that many small-scale hosts, rural communities and tourism businesses could be disproportionately affected without demonstrable benefits for housing supply:

1. How can the Commission ensure that Member States allow sufficient time to collect and analyse registration data before introducing restrictive enforcement measures, in line with the principles of proportionality and better regulation?
2. How will the upcoming Affordable Housing Act, which intends to fine-tune the existing framework that addresses the proportionality of local legislation, address measures that do not have demonstrable benefits for housing supply but impact the local economy in a disproportionate way?

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