

**Question for written answer E-003322/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Using properties seized from those involved in organised crime to provide housing for people and families in financial hardship in southern European cities

Access to decent and affordable housing is a prerequisite for the effective exercise of the right to have somewhere to live and to social inclusion, with the latter enshrined in the EU treaties and the European Pillar of Social Rights.

In numerous southern European cities, an increasing number of people in economic poverty face mounting difficulties in finding affordable housing, and this situation is playing a major role in driving up housing poverty and weakening social cohesion.

At the same time, in some Member States, including Italy, there are significant property assets that have been definitively seized from those involved in organised crime and could be given over to the wider community, contributing to urban regeneration and the fight against widespread economic poverty.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission push for action to encourage the reuse of properties seized from those involved in organised crime for housing for people in moderate to severe financial hardship?
2. Does the Commission think EU resources could be allocated or complemented, including through cohesion policy funds, InvestEU, the European Social Fund Plus or other financial instruments, to support the recovery and refurbishment of these properties?
3. Will it draw up guidelines or promote the exchange of best practices between Member States on the social reuse of seized properties, as a means of combating organised crime and responding to growing economic poverty?

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