

**Question for written answer E-003999/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Housing crisis and open data

The housing crisis in Europe is at breaking point, undermining social cohesion, widening social inequalities and making it increasingly difficult for citizens to access decent and affordable housing. In its resolution of March 2026 on the housing crisis in the EU, the European Parliament underlined that effective housing policies require the availability of reliable, sufficient and up-to-date statistics.

Despite the adoption of Directive (EU) 2019/1024 on open data, Regulation (EU) 2022/868 (Data Governance Act) and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 on high-value datasets, there is still no standardised and interoperable data on property sale prices, rentals, short-term rentals, vacant homes and anonymised indicators on ownership patterns.

Given that the Commission itself has recognised the need for greater transparency in the housing market, can the Commission say:

1. Does it intend to propose the creation of a European data space or other interoperable data exchange system concerning the housing market, within the framework of Regulation (EU) 2022/868, while always respecting the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the principle of subsidiarity?
2. Does it intend to consider expanding high-value datasets to include aggregated or anonymised data on property sales, rentals and property ownership indicators for use in public policy and research and in addressing the housing crisis?

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