

**Priority question for written answer P-002895/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Youth housing crisis in the EU

Young people across the EU are facing a growing housing crisis that threatens their independence, well-being and future prospects. Reports from multiple Member States show that over 25 % of young people spend more than 40 % of their income on housing, forcing many to live with their parents for longer, endure overcrowded conditions or face homelessness. A recent Eurobarometer survey confirms that the rising cost of living – driven largely by the housing crisis – is the top concern among young Europeans.

While young people welcome the creation of the Special Committee on the Housing Crisis in the EU (HOUS) and the appointment of the Commissioner-designate for Energy and Housing, they demand concrete action. Youth organisations across Europe, including the European Youth Forum, have called for housing to be treated as a fundamental right.

How does the Commission define affordable housing, and what key factors are considered when determining whether housing meets this standard?

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