

EN
E-003059/2024
Answer given by Mr Jørgensen
on behalf of the European Commission
(17.3.2025)

The Commission thanks the Honourable Member to have drawn its attention to the measures introduced by the City Council of Santiago de Compostela.

The EU is indeed facing a severe housing crisis impacting the quality of life of millions including students, young people and families as well as businesses. To help tackle this crisis the Commission has nominated the first-ever Commissioner for Housing and established a Task Force for Housing which has started working on 1 February 2025. This Task Force will coordinate the various strands of work across the Commission and will support Member States and subnational actors to address structural and drivers of the crisis.

The Commission intends to put forward a European Affordable Housing Plan early 2026.

The development of this plan requires a thorough analysis of the various aspects of the housing crisis. This is why, during 2025 the Commission will carry out an extensive dialogue with EU Institutions, Member States authorities and stakeholders to map the various challenges and identify best practices, such as those in Santiago mentioned by the Honourable Member.

At the same time, the Commission is fully conscious of the importance of tourism for the European economy. Hence, the Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism will prepare a Strategy for Sustainable Tourism in the next months. The EU Tourism Platform¹, launched in 2024, may allow the City Council of Santiago de Compostela to submit its best practices and pledges.

A new Regulation (EU) 2024/1028² on short-term rentals will be effective as from May 2026 and the Commission is committed to working with public authorities and platforms to bring more transparency.

¹ <https://transition-pathways.europa.eu/tourism/stakeholders-actions/>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1028/oj/eng>