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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The housing crisis in several Member States is caused by several factors. The Regulation (EU) 2024/1028¹ on data collection and sharing relating to short-term accommodation rental services (STR) aims to provide Member States authorities with reliable and objective data on short-term rentals to allow them to adopt the most convenient and proportionate measures to counterbalance any possible negative effects of short-term rentals.

Member States that wish to receive data on short-term rentals from platforms are obliged to implement the STR Regulation. In this regard, any registration scheme that Member States want to introduce must be compliant with the STR Regulation. However, Member States are not obliged to introduce registration schemes or seek data from platforms, in which case the Regulation does not need to be implemented.

Public authorities may take different approaches in this area. It is for Member States and their competent authorities to decide whether to put in place registrations schemes at regional level.

In addition, to help tackle the housing crisis, the Commission has appointed the first-ever Commissioner responsible for housing and established a Task Force for Housing. The Commission will put forward a European Affordable Housing Plan and will tackle systemic issues with the short-term accommodation rentals and make proposals to tackle the inefficient use of the current housing stock. During these activities, the Commission will give due consideration to the matters described by the Honourable Member.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1028/oj/eng>