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**Question for written answer E-001470/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Monitoring of EPOCH platform activities

Launched in 2021 in the wake of the Lisbon Declaration, the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness (EPOCH) aims chiefly to promote mutual learning on homelessness policies, strategies and action plans at national, regional and local level, with a particular focus on a housing-led approach and improving analytical data on homelessness.

Three years on from the platform's official launch,

what results have been achieved thus far (number of specific projects funded, outcomes obtained in the field, activities organised) and what are the next steps planned by the Commission to ensure that the target of 2030 is met?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu on behalf of the European Commission
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Since its launch, the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness has evolved into an impactful initiative. It supports, among other things, Member States in designing or reviewing national homelessness strategies based on a person-centred, housing-led and integrated approach.

The first work programme of the Platform for the period 2022-2024 ⁽¹⁾ had three work strands: data and analysis, mutual learning and access to finance.

The activities supported by the Commission include ⁽²⁾: a pilot project on a European Homelessness Count; two projects with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development on a policy toolkit and on monitoring and evaluation; a number of mutual learning events; the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness Practice project to promote knowledge and capacity building; and four social innovation projects on different aspects of homelessness.

Finally, a working group co-chaired with the Council of Europe Development Bank aims at mapping funding options and at developing projects to combat homelessness.

A new work programme, building on the ongoing activities, is currently being drafted with the input of Platform members. The Platform's work is also expected to feed into the preparation of the forthcoming EU flagship social initiatives, namely the new Action Plan of the European Pillar of Social Rights, the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy and the European Affordable Housing Plan.

⁽¹⁾ https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/document/download/4c863f95-cf93-4581-8b36-33259f9e8663_en?filename=UDW%20TRW1_ex_summary.pdf.

⁽²⁾ For a full overview of the activities and of the national strategies, see the website of the Platform: https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies-and-activities/social-protection-social-inclusion/addressing-poverty-and-supporting-social-inclusion/homelessness_en.