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The European Affordable Housing Plan (EAHP) will support EU countries, regions & cities in increasing the supply of affordable and sustainable housing, and improve access to housing for people in need, for example by addressing structural challenges and unlocking public and private investment. The Commission will also make proposals to tackle the inefficient use of the current housing stock. The Commission will carefully assess whether the EAHP should consider binding measures such as the ones the Honourable Member refers to. At the same time, the Commission notes that housing affordability are largely a competence of Member States, regions and local authorities, and therefore any avenue on housing will have to respect the principle of subsidiarity.

The Commission notes that expenditures on housing and defence are not mutually exclusive and both finance important European objectives. The Commission also notes that it proposed in the mid-term review of the cohesion policy¹ that Member States can double the planned cohesion policy investments in affordable housing. In addition, the Commission works with the European Investment Bank and national promotional banks to establish a pan-European investment platform for affordable and sustainable housing and aims to revise the relevant State aid rules.

¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council A modernised Cohesion policy: The mid-term review, *COM/2025/163 final*,
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0163>.