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Providing accommodation to third-country nationals present in a Member State is a responsibility of the relevant national authority. The Commission can provide Member States' national, regional, and local authorities with financial support to address migrants' housing needs, notably via the European Social Fund Plus and the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

The Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA¹ on combating racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law requires Member States to criminalise public incitement to violence or hatred based on race, colour, religion, descent or national or ethnic origin. Council Directive 2000/43/EC² requires Member States to provide protection against discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin in access to and supply of goods and services available to the public, including housing.

The European Affordable Housing Plan³ recognises that groups in situations of disadvantage face specific challenges in access to housing. It promotes housing solutions that protect and empower people in vulnerable situations and encourages Member States and regions to step up their support for such groups.

¹Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_framw/2008/913/oj/eng.

²Council Directive 2000/43/EC: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2000/43/oj/eng>.

³European Affordable Housing Plan: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025DC1025>.