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Question for written answer E-001021/26
to the Commission
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Subject: The Commission's next steps regarding the proposal to establish a European housing agency

In its Report on the housing crisis in the European Union, adopted on 10 March 2026, Parliament called for the strengthening of European coordination on housing, including through giving consideration to the establishment of a European housing agency that would provide analytical support, collect data and assist Member States in developing affordable housing policies.

In light of the growing scarcity of affordable housing in many Member States and the need for more robust Union-level instruments:

1. How does the Commission intend to respond to the Parliament's call for the establishment of a European housing agency?
2. Is the Commission considering any specific legislative or institutional measures in this regard, including the possibility of establishing a new agency or strengthening existing EU-level structures?
3. Within what timeframe does the Commission plan to present any initiatives on improving the coordination of housing policies at the EU level?

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Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is currently not planning to establish a European Housing Agency. Wherever new EU initiatives are proposed, assignment to an existing institution, agency or body is in general favoured.

In accordance with Better Regulation, any proposals to establish a new housing agency would need to be justified by an impact assessment analysing the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance, and EU added value including interaction with already existing agencies, as well as costs and financing, including the Commission's capacity to provide for additional services.

Regarding the coordination of housing policies at the EU level, the European Affordable Housing Plan ⁽¹⁾ proposed to set up a European Housing Alliance to strengthen cooperation on housing at EU level, better coordinate actions and share best practices.

This Alliance is currently being rolled out and will unite all levels of government — from cities and regions to national and European institutions, together with key housing stakeholders — to drive forward a shared commitment to ensure affordable, sustainable and quality housing for all. The Alliance complements existing tools such as the European Semester.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025DC1025>.