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The Commission adopted the first-ever European Affordable Housing Plan (EAHP)¹ on 16 December 2025 and works closely with national, regional and local authorities to help tackle the issues identified by the EAHP. Through the European Semester, the Commission aims to help Member States design effective policy measures for affordable and social housing, taking into account the specific context of each country. Housing is analysed extensively in the country reports published as part of the European Semester Spring Package adopted on 3 June 2026. The country reports include for the first time dedicated housing annexes with more detailed analysis on housing for all Member States, including based on the housing cost overburden rate as a headline indicator of the Social Scoreboard as well as severe housing deprivation for owners and renters as secondary indicators. As part of the Spring Package, the Commission adopted a recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the economic, social, employment, structural and budgetary policies of Spain², covering various topics of housing. Similarly, a broad range of housing-related topics is included in the recommendations for other Member States.

Setting concrete policy objectives and relevant indicators for housing remains mainly a responsibility of Member States. EU-level initiatives such as the ones identified by the EAHP and the proposal for a Council Recommendation on Fighting Housing Exclusion encourage Member States to put in place monitoring frameworks, to be taken forward on the basis of national circumstances and housing systems.

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

² https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/publications-0/2026-european-semester-country-specific-recommendations-commission-recommendations_en.