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Answer given by Mr Jørgensen  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission shares the Honourable Member's concerns about the housing situation in the EU. The high overburden rate indeed shows the seriousness of the situation, especially for young people.

The Commission has indeed appointed for the first time a Commissioner for Energy and Housing and has established a Task Force for Housing to support him coordinate the different strands of work. The Commission will support Member States and local authorities to address structural drivers of the housing crisis and unlocking public and private investment for affordable and sustainable housing.

The Commission will put forward a European Affordable Housing Plan. To develop the Plan, the Commission is extensively consulting stakeholders with a particular focus on young people. The Commission welcomes in this regard the contribution of several Youth organisations to its call for evidence. A large public consultation is also open until 17 October 2025<sup>1</sup>. The Commission strongly invites experts, citizens and young people themselves across the EU to contribute.

The definition of affordable housing varies strongly across Member States. The Commission will look into this matter in the development of the Affordable Housing Plan and in the ongoing revision of State aid rules on services of general economic interest.

The Commission will continue to strengthen its contribution to mitigating the housing crisis, including for youth, in its future actions.

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<sup>1</sup> Public consultation on the European affordable housing plan ([https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14670-European-affordable-housing-plan/public-consultation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14670-European-affordable-housing-plan/public-consultation_en)) (open until 17 October 2025).