



Special committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union  
The Chair

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**Subject:** Invitation to contribute to the work of the European Parliament's Special Committee on the Housing Crisis (HOUS)

To the Chairperson(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

In response to citizens' growing concerns and in line with the priorities set by the European Parliament (EP) for the 10th legislative term, the EP decided in late 2024 to establish a Special Committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union (HOUS). This initiative reflects our determination to address one of the most pressing social challenges in Europe today, to engage with all relevant actors, and to assess funding mechanisms that directly impact future EU policies for fair and sustainable housing — particularly for vulnerable groups.

Since the beginning of its work in 2025, the HOUS Committee has been actively mapping housing needs, especially for low- and middle-income households. It is also analysing the broader economic and social consequences of the housing shortage — including its impact on poverty, inequality, and social exclusion.

HOUS Members are reviewing EU, national, and local housing policies with a particular focus on the availability of social and affordable housing in urban, rural, and island areas. We are also investigating the effects of housing market speculation, evaluating the use of EU funds in tackling homelessness and ensuring access to decent, affordable housing.

Moreover, the Committee is exploring key challenges such as the rise of short-term rentals, the increase in housing prices, and obstacles in the construction sector — all areas where policy reform is urgently needed. As part of our fact-finding work, we have scheduled visits to several Member States to learn from local best practices and to support the preparation of the forthcoming European Affordable Housing Plan, which the Commission is expected to present early next year.

National Parliaments play a vital role in shaping housing policy. Your legislative and oversight responsibilities in areas such as rent control, social housing, tax incentives, and the allocation of EU and national funds for housing initiatives are instrumental in addressing the crisis.

In the context of the report that the HOUS Committee is preparing before the end of its term, and based on the responsibilities outlined in the European Parliament's plenary resolution establishing our Special Committee (see Annex 1 attached below), we would greatly value your input.

We warmly invite you to share your national best practices, ideas, and policy proposals — whether they concern broad approaches to tackling the housing crisis or specific initiatives. These may include measures to increase the supply of affordable housing, regulate rent increases, renovate existing housing stock, and support low-income renters, among other

priorities outlined in our mandate, which are listed in the above-mentioned Annex 1 - attached to our letter.

We also see this exchange as an opportunity to strengthen structured dialogue and build closer cooperation between the European Parliament and National Parliaments, which we consider essential for shaping effective and inclusive housing policies across the Union.

**We kindly ask you to send your contributions by 10 October 2025 to the following functional mailboxes:** [hous-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:hous-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu), [relnatparl@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:relnatparl@europarl.europa.eu), with a copy to Sandro D'Angelo ([sandro.dangelo@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:sandro.dangelo@europarl.europa.eu)) and Joanna Warchol ([joanna.warchol@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:joanna.warchol@europarl.europa.eu)).


Should you need any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at the same addresses.

We wish you continued success in your important work and look forward to fruitful cooperation between the HOUS Committee and the National Parliaments in tackling the housing crisis across the EU.

With best regards,

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On behalf of the  
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