

**Question for written answer E-000875/2012
to the Commission**
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Subject: Funding for the homeless

The consequences of the economic crisis must be dealt with at the local level and the government pursuing joint action with the municipalities for protection of the homeless.

As stated by Fofi Gennimatas, Deputy Interior Minister, at the general assembly of the Attica municipalities, local government must proceed to create special overnight premises for the homeless, providing them with a safe environment, food, basic health services and psychological support.

This initiative can be taken in collaboration with the ministries jointly responsible (Interior, Health and Labour), starting off in the Municipality of Athens, which faces the greatest problem (in numerical terms) and then being implemented in other municipalities facing a similar problem.

Bearing in mind that this statement comes only a few hours after notification of the death of yet another homeless person, can the Commission say whether there are plans for funds to be set aside for rehabilitation of the homeless, not only in Greece but also in other countries of the EU?