Question for written answer E-007957/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Olga Sehnalová (S&D)

Subject: Progress in creating an EU strategy for homelessness

10 October is World Homelessness Day, and 17 October is International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. In addition to these occasions, a conference will be held at the end of October as part of the Italian Presidency and under the auspices of FEANTSA. Representatives of as many as 400 organisations from EU Member States and non-EU countries will be in attendance with the aim of taking further steps to deal with this problem.

Parliament adopted a resolution in January 2014 in which it yet again called upon the Commission to urgently develop a pan-European strategy in the spirit of Parliament's resolution of September 2011 on an EU homelessness strategy. It also called on the Commission to set up a working group, in conjunction with the Member States, to start work on this strategy as soon as possible.

- 1. What steps has the Commission taken thus far in response to Parliament's calls to start working on this strategy?
- 2. Will creating an EU homelessness strategy form part of the Commission's work programme for 2015?