

**Question for written answer E-005482/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Social housing

The idea of an extraordinary European social housing plan – one of a number of recommendations put forward by the social partners – is gaining traction as a means of lessening the impact of the economic crisis.

1. Will the Commission seek to lay down criteria for defining 'social housing' that take account of the legal differences between Member States' property regimes, in particular as regards the arrangements for funding new builds?
2. Would the Commission support the introduction of new, ad hoc financing schemes, including on the basis of an agreement with the private banking sector and the EIB?