Question for written answer E-009438/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Lola Sánchez Caldentey (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Children and evictions

In 2013, the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights stated that children were greatly affected by the loss of the family home, something that had repercussions on their quality of life, opportunities and rights, and called on Spain to conduct '[g]enuine consultation with those affected prior to the eviction ... in order to evaluate the impact of the eviction on children's lives'.

It is impossible to determine how many minors have been evicted in Spain owing to the lack of data and official sources for policymaking on children's rights and housing, contrary to the recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in its concluding observations 17 and 18 on the combined third and fourth periodic reports of Spain, in which the committee called on Spain to strengthen its mechanism for collecting and analysing data, particularly concerning the most vulnerable groups in society.

What measures is the EU taking to ensure that Spain meets its obligation to strengthen its mechanism for collecting and analysing data in the area of children's rights, particularly with regard to housing and evictions?

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