

**Question for written answer E-004040/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Jana Žitňanská (ECR)

Subject: Initiatives to assist homeless people

Although numerous sources report that the number of homeless people living in the EU Member States is hovering at around four million, there are no precise statistics or reliable data in this field. However, local statistics – for instance for the Slovak capital of Bratislava, where it was calculated that there were up to 2 064 homeless people – demonstrate that the situation of the homeless is constantly deteriorating, and that it is necessary to develop a comprehensive strategy to resolve it.

In this context, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

What specific policies and initiatives is the Commission implementing or planning to implement in order to combat homelessness and social exclusion?
How does the Commission plan to resolve the situation of inadequate statistical data on homeless people?

Is the Commission planning any research or studies focusing on comprehensive statistics and on the situation of homeless people in the EU that would break the numbers down by gender, nationality, education level, causes of homelessness and state of health, as well as indicating people's health issues?