

**Question for written answer E-004041/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Instruments to fund initiatives to assist homeless people

There are over four million homeless people living in the Member States. Although there are numerous initiatives, ultimately homeless people receive most assistance from charities run by churches or the non-profit sector. However, these organisations often lack sufficient funds. They try to help homeless people to the best of their abilities by providing them with accommodation and food, by helping them with health and debt problems, and by re-integrating them into society. The Charter of Fundamental Rights establishes the fight against social exclusion and poverty as one of the EU's objectives and recognises the right to housing assistance. One of the stated aims of the EU's strategy against poverty and social exclusion is to implement policies aimed at ensuring access to decent and safe housing.

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

What possibilities are EU funds or other financial instruments able to offer in terms of funding charities run by churches or non-profit organisations that help homeless people?

Would it be possible to obtain funding under European funds or other financial instruments if the facility for providing assistance to the homeless focused mainly on people belonging to marginalised Roma communities?

Does the Commission intend to introduce new financial instruments that would make the situation easier for charities?