

**Question for written answer E-005412/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Single parents

Statistics show that, at European level, a new trend has recently developed - the number of single parents is higher than the number of families made up of two or more members. This trend falls within the context of fewer marriages, an increase in the ageing population and the number of single older persons - all these should be correlated to an increase in housing demand.

In many regions, local authorities try to solve such housing issues by launching programmes for single parents and single older persons by having them live together, so that everyone can benefit from each other's experience, with older persons socially involved and not isolated, and children benefiting from the presence of adoptive 'grand parents'.

How will the Commission support such local and regional authorities' programmes, including on a cross-border basis?