

**Question for written answer P-015144/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Violence against women and homelessness

Considering that the DG JUST work plan for 2016 prioritises the prevention of all forms of violence against women, will the Commission fully examine the issue of homelessness as a direct consequence of domestic violence and the potential for providing refuge services and transitional housing programmes to act as a preventive measure to provide victims with an alternative to remaining within abusive relationships?

Furthermore, in the absence of EU-wide data and statistics, will the Commission support a pan-European study to provide concrete information on the prevalence of domestic violence and its capacity to act as a pathway to homelessness, which will help DG JUST to better understand the problem and propose appropriate policy responses to ensure that vulnerable victims are not forced to choose between remaining in abusive relationships or becoming homeless?