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to the Commission**

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Subject: Social housing

A recent visit to Coimbra and a meeting with residents' associations revealed that the worsening situation affecting the majority of the population is making it difficult for people to access proper housing and living conditions. At the same time, cuts to local authority budgets are hindering the construction of social childcare facilities and care facilities for the elderly in social housing areas.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What measures can be supported from Community funds with the aim of improving living conditions, including the construction of social facilities in social housing areas?
2. Bearing in mind the financial perspective from 2013 onwards, how does it view Community funding for the construction of social housing in the light of existing shortages?