

**Question for written answer E-002918/2012
to the Council**

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Subject: Work programme of the Social Protection Committee on tackling homelessness and housing exclusion

Among its priorities, the work programme of the Social Protection Committee (SPC) for 2012 includes tackling homelessness and housing exclusion. The SPC will examine how the open method of coordination (OMC) can help in stepping up the attention given to this issue.

In its resolution of 14 September 2011, the European Parliament, calling for an ambitious and integrated European strategy for the homeless, asked the Commission to establish a working group to carry out a study on such a strategy and to involve all stakeholders in the fight against homelessness, including national, regional and local policy-makers, researchers, NGO homeless service providers, people experiencing homelessness and related sectors such as housing, employment and health.

- What specific actions does the Social Protection Committee plan to implement in 2012 on the issue of homelessness, and in the long term as part of the open method of coordination for the years to come?
- How does the Council explain the absence of any movement on the part of the European Commission with regard to the European Parliament's demand for a strategy to be put in place? Does the SPC share the European Parliament's concerns over this issue?