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to the Commission**

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Subject: European Platform on Combating Homelessness

In its communication on the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan, the Commission rightly states that the number of homeless people has risen sharply and is currently unacceptably high. It also announced in the action plan that a European Platform on Combating Homelessness will be launched in June. At the EPSCO Council of 15 March 2021, Commissioner Schmit explained that the platform should be focused on peer learning between Member States.

In order to ensure that a concrete and meaningful platform is launched, I would like to ask the following questions:

1. What will the annual budget for the collaboration platform be and how many members of staff will the Commission allocate to it?
2. What will the governance structure look like and is the Commission looking into outsourcing the running of the platform to an external partner?
3. Will the platform focus on strengthening the evidence base for innovative and permanent housing solutions and the development of common indicators and criteria for homelessness, as requested by Parliament in its resolution of 21 January 2021 on access to decent and affordable housing for all?