

**Question for written answer E-001990/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Legal aid for legal action

Along with the foreclosure law adopted in 2014, the Cypriot Parliament also approved legislation on legal aid for borrowers faced with possible eviction and seeking to uphold their right to housing. Unfortunately, in the absence of any implementing provisions or funding, the latter has remained a dead letter, with the result that no legal aid has actually been granted, which means that many borrowers facing foreclosure are being prevented by prohibitive legal fees and stamp duty from initiating proceedings to prove that they are the victims of unfair contractual terms.

This constitutes a violation of their democratic right, enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

In the light of the above:

What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that those unable to pay are no longer deprived of their right to justice in Cyprus?