

**Question for written answer E-004805/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Spiralling housing prices due to raw material shortage

Residential property prices have skyrocketed and finding housing is becoming more challenging than ever. Since 2015, house prices have risen by 30%. Furthermore, in the last quarter, the health crisis gave rise to a 6% increase in costs. This could ultimately push up rent prices. Tenants and landlords are facing shortages of raw materials, including wood, which has led to considerable delays in housing construction.

Countries such as China and the United States have stockpiled raw materials to support their economic recovery. Under these circumstances, European businesses are having to deal with the shortages on their own. In addition to the severe wood shortages, electronic components are also in short supply.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission call on the Member States to regulate rent prices?
2. Will it adopt protectionist measures to secure stocks and support European businesses?