

**Question for written answer E-005093/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Revision of target group of social housing

House prices have seen an annual increase of 6.8 % in the euro area and 7.3 % in the EU in the second quarter of 2021, at a time when many households have seen their income decrease.

In its resolution on access to decent and affordable housing for all, Parliament called on the Commission to adapt the target group definition of social housing, because the current definition is too restrictive. The Commission appointed EY to conduct research into market developments in healthcare and social housing and their State aid implications.

1. The EY study indicates that many stakeholders believe we are in a housing crisis that affects large parts of the population. Does the Commission share that observation and believe that action is needed, including at EU level, to ensure that more people have access to social housing and housing assistance?
2. A large number of respondents believed that evolving needs in relation to social housing have been insufficiently addressed. They considered the too narrow definition of social housing the main reason for this. Does the Commission share that assessment?
3. Does the Commission consider the findings of the EY study, the ongoing housing crisis and Parliament's resolution sufficient reason to revise its decision on services of general economic interest on this point?

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