

**Question for written answer E-005688/2021  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: The Social Economy Action Plan

On 9 December 2021, the Commission presented the Social Economy Action Plan. The intention is for an EU Social Economy Gateway to be established in 2023 pooling all information regarding funding, policies, training and initiatives for social economy stakeholders.

The EU has also set itself the goal of ending homelessness by 2030. Many small-scale and micro-initiatives in the Member States strive to achieve the same goal. Yet, they receive hardly any regional or local support.

However, in order for the 2030 goal of ending homelessness to be achieved, these initiatives in particular must receive local and regional financial support as well as training in how to apply for EU grants. The complex administrative requirements of the European Social Fund have, to date, made that difficult.

1. Which homelessness organisations are entitled to apply for financial aid and which are not?
2. How does the Commission ensure that even small initiatives can apply for financial support quickly and efficiently?