

**Question for written answer E-000517/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Spiralling rent increases

According to startling Eurostat data for 2019, 62.1% of tenants in Greece were spending over 50% of their disposable income on accommodation. The European Parliament has recently adopted two Commission proposals that are now making life even harder, one regarding the secondary market buy-up of homes by banks and funds and the other regarding evictions with promises of 'guaranteed relocation'.

The much-vaunted 'Save' subsidies favoured by the EU and successive Greek governments have proved to be nothing more than a form of entrapment, blackmailing hundreds of thousands of households into incurring exorbitant costs to achieve a satisfactory energy rating or risk seeing the value of their properties wiped out and being forced to live for years to come in unsuitable housing.

In the light of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of EU 'green transition' strategy and other initiatives, such as its 'Save' and 'Fit for 55' programmes, which have led to further hikes in the price of construction materials, prices and rents, thereby placing an even greater burden on people's diminished incomes?
2. What view does it take of the harmful strategy followed by the EU and successive governments that has undermined the right to cheap secure housing for all working families, allowing an increasing number of homes to go under the hammer and be bought up by banks and private funds?