The Commission is committed to preserve and uphold the fundamental values of the EU. In accordance with Article 153 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the EU supports the Member States in combatting social exclusion and the competence and responsibility for tackling homelessness and housing exclusion lies with Member States.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission have jointly proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights. The Pillar, in its principle 19, sets out that adequate shelter and services should be provided to the homeless in order to promote their social inclusion. In the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan\(^1\), the Commission acknowledged that delivering on the Pillar is a shared commitment and called for a concerted effort to fully implement the Pillar principles.

Spain, together with the other Member States, EU institutions and bodies and EU-level networks of civil society organisations and social partners have signed the Lisbon Declaration on Combating Homelessness\(^2\). The signatories to the Declaration have committed to work towards ending homelessness in the EU by 2030, so that no one sleeps rough for lack of accessible, safe and appropriate emergency accommodation.

\(^{1}\) COM(2021)102 final.